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WTFDA's NEW MAILING ADDRESS: Effective IMMEDIATELY all general club correspondence including applications for membership and renewals should be sent to:

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Many thanks to long time member Mike Bugaj for accepting the duty of handling the club's mail.

CONVENTION NEWS: David J. Nieman's proposal for the 1998 WTFDA convention has been enthusiastically accepted. Dave has attended a lot of conventions and knows what it takes to make a good one. The flavor of this get-together will be somewhat like that of the popular gatherings hosted by Bob Seybold on the hilltops near Fredonia (Dunkirk), NY. Although he won't be able to guarantee any E-Skip; his mountaintop location in southwestern New York state has enormous potential to provide convention-goers with some exotic tropospheric treats. A full page of convention information appears elsewhere in this issue. Be sure to take a look at the details and make arrangements to be there Friday July 31 through Sunday August 2.

TV/FM DXers CHAT ON INTERNET: WTFDA's new 'postmaster', Mike Bugaj, is the organizer and promoter of a newly formed DX chat channel in the IRC area of the internet. Several club members have been getting together once or twice a week for over a month to talk about DX, equipment, and themselves. Oregon, Connecticut, California, Louisiana and Tennessee are states represented thus far, and Monterrey, Mexico has checked in too. Each week another name or two pops up, and all tv/fim dxers are welcome to join. Here's the hookup information. First, you'll need to determine if your internet service provider offers access to IRC (most do). If the answer is yes, there's likely an IRC software program provided. In the event you don't have such a program, a visit to this URL will lead you to information and several download points for the popular mIRC shareware: <http://pebbles.cxi.net/mirc/. Unfortunately, this software is only for IBM and IBM clone PCs. Mac programs are available elsewhere. Once you have the IRC software installed and operating, here's where you'll find your dxer pals: irc.stealth.net (port 5550) and join channel #wtfdxa. The group meets each Tuesday and Friday at 10 PM Eastern Time. If you have trouble hooking up, e-mail Mike for help at <<iki>kon@netcom.com>>. Give this new DXer hookup at try. Those who have love it.



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KEY:

&: satellite programming AF: new freq. allocation accepted for filing for a new FM license

AFA: American Family Association CC: call change/new calls assigned CL: city of license change granted CO: new xmtr co-ordinates CX: a CP has expired, and is cancelled C1.C2, etc: change in class status DA: directional antenna DE: calls deleted, license returned to FCC GA: granted amendment to table of FM allocations

GE: station was granted extension of a CP GX: granted replacement of expired CP LC: filed for license to cover (for new stn.) MC: multiple-city legal ID

NC: no change yet, on a reported pending grant/change. ND: non-directional

NO: station is not on the air NS: a new station granted a license OSA: one-step application NW: new station signs on the air

PA: proposed amendment to change table of allocations PC>: a power change (increase)

PC<: a power change (decrease)

PG>: power change granted (increase) PG<: power change granted (decrease)

QC: frequency change for this station QG: frequency change granted RA: station returns to the air

RE: station requests extension of a CP RX: station requests re-instatement of

an expired CP SG: slogan change or update

SI: station is silent

XA: disimssed amendment to the table of FM allocations

XC: station changes xmtr site XG: station granted a transmitter (xmtr) site change



FC: station format change

UNITED STATES

ALABAMA:

Florence: WQLT107.3 NC to 93 kW, 1017 ft, RX

Gadsden: *NS 89.9 8.9 kW (h)

Gadsden: WQEN103.7 OSA to C1, 77 kW, 1105 ft

XG: 33-49-33 / 86-26-46

Millbrook: WMCZ 97.1 PG< 1.3 kW, 702 ft XG: 32-20-06 / 86-17-16

Thomaston: *NS 97.7 4 kW, 407 ft. Troy: *NS 91.12 kW, 246 ft. (AFA)

ALASKA:

Anchorage: KSKA 91.1 PC> 100 kW, 617 ft, C1 XC: 61-25-22 / 149-52-20

Houston: *NS 88.7 NO-RE

ARIZONA:

Arizona City: KBZR106.5 FC to oldies // KRIM 104.3

Groom Creek: K258AL 99.5 NS-KAWZ 88.9 ID KRIM 104.3 FC to oldies "Oldies 104.3" Payson:

Salome: 96.1 GA: add class A

Show Low: KNAA 90.7 NW, info & classical // KNAL

99.5 GA: add class A Yarnell:

ARKANSAS:

Brinkley: KQMC102.3 OSA to C2, 50 kW, 492 ft,

XG: 34-58-10 / 90-51-07 Dermott: *NS 105.7 3 kW, 328 ft.

Hamburg: KHMB 99.5 PG> 3.2 kW, 312 ft

XG: 33-17-19 / 91-52-45 Harrison: *NS 91.9 AF

KHPA104.9 PC> 6 kW, 328 ft Hope:

XC: 33-43-12 / 93-29-11

Lakeview: *NS 93.5 25 kW, 328 ft, DA Mtn Pine: KZBR 101.9 PC< 3.1 kW, 407 ft

XC: 34-26-56 / 93-15-59

KOKR 96.7 QC from 100.7, PC> 40 kW Newport: 548 ft. XC: 35-29-16 / 91-26-13

CALIFORNIA:

Boonville: *** 96.1 GA: add class A

Borrego Sps: K220GJ91.9 NS-50w(v): KAWZ 88.9 ID KBOQ 95.5 adds Super classical (&) Escondido: KFSD 92.1 adds Super classical (&)

Indio: KCMJ 92.7 FCtodance-CHR (P.Springs) PC> 6 kW, 328 ft.

Long Beach: KLAX97.9 PC< 33 kW, 604 ft, DA XC: 34-09-49 / 118-11-44

KRQC 92.7 FC to rock (Monterey) Marina:

Mendocino:KAKX 89.3 LC

KFIE 107.7 FC to reg. Mexican (&) Merced: Morro Bay: KWWV 99.7 FC to dance-CHR "Kiss 99.7"

CX CP for 265w, 1532', DA, XC

Oceanside: KXST 102.1 PC> 14.5 kW, 817 ft. Oiai: KKBE 105.5 FC to soft AC (&)

Riverside: KUCR 88.3 NC to 150w, 1620', RX San Fran: KFOG104.5 PG< 7.1 kW, 1506 ft.

San Jose: KBRG100.3 CX CP for 34 kW, 587 ft. San Rafael: KFOG1 104.5 NS- ?? watts

Sebastopol: KJZY 93.7 PG> 6 kW, 215 ft, DA

XG: 38-25-07 / 122-40-33

Shasta Lake City: *NS 107.1 150w, 3549 ft. Soledad: KLUE 106.3 PC> 5.1 kW, 344 ft

XC: 36-16-25 / 121-16-12

Twentynine Palms: KCDZ 107.7 PC> 6.7 kW, 305', B1

COLORADO:

Calhan: 104.7 GA: add class A Canon City: KSTY103.9 GA: to 104.5 - A

Canon City: *NS 89.1 AF

Gunnison: KEJJ 98.3 CC (ex KKYY) Kremmling: KRKM106.3 FC to oldies (&)

Montrose: *NS 88.3 5 kW, 1535 ft. KYZX 104.5 GA: to 103.9 -C1: W.Pueblo Pueblo:

K201CZ88.1 NS: 90w(v): KEAR 106.9 CA Pueblo:

Silverton: *NS 103.7 AF Telluride: KRYD104.9 LC

CONNECTICUT:

Hartford: WJMJ 88.9 PC< 6.2 kW, 607', DA

FLORIDA:

Homestead: WRGP88.1 NO-GE

Jupiter: WTPX105.5 FC to adult standards (&)

Key Largo: WMKL 91.7 NO-RE

Leesburg: W257BF 99.3 NS-55w: WYFB 90.5 Melbourne: WCIF 106.3 OSA to C3, 11 kW, 489'

XG: 28-08-15 / 80-42-11

Ponte Vedra Bch: WBGB 106.5 CC (ex WTLK), FC to Classic rock (Jacksonville)

Santa Rosa Bch: WWAV 102.1 XG:30-23-10/86-17-48

Satellite Bch: *** 98.5 GA:add class A St. Augustine: W207AZ 89.3 NS-WPCS 89.5 Tallahassee: WGLF104.1 adds John Boy & Billy

WAAD 93.7 NO-RE Tice: WCTQ 92.1 PC< 22 kW Venice:

GEORGIA:

Cordele: *NS 90.3 AF

WYNR107.7 NC to 482', RE Darien:

WOKA106.7 FC to classic country (&) Douglas:

Douglas: WKZZ 92.5 NO-GE Elberton: WDDA105.1 CC (NS)

Gainesville: W300AP 107.9 NS-13w: WYFW 89.5

Gainesville: WYAY106.7 inc. to 1417 ft. XC: 34-07-32 / 83-51-32

Greenville: WKZJ 95.7 FC to urban AC, adds

Tom Joyner (Columbus)

LaFayette: *** 107.5 XA to add class A

Lumpkin: *NS 88.5 AF

Montezuma: *NS 95.1 AF Pt.Wentworth: *NS 91.9 6 kW, 180 ft, DA

Ringgold: WSGC101.9 FC to dance-CHR // WKXJ 97.3 TN (Chattanooga)

Sparta: *NS 102.7 NO-RX

Statesboro: W257BG 99.3 NS-80w: WAFJ 88.3 SC Talking Rock: *NS100.1 AF

Thomaston: WTGA 101.1 FC to country (&) Waycross: WBGA102.5 PC< 97 kW, 994 ft

XC: 31-09-22 / 81-58-19

WYFW 89.5 PC> 6 kW, 200 ft, DA Winder:

IDAHO:

Grangeville: K220GK 91.9 NS-?? WAFR 88.3 MS Mtn Home: K267AE101.3 NS-10w: KEFX

KFXJ 94.9 CC (ex KFXD) Rathdrum: *NS 90.3 AF



The Variety's in the Music!

ILLINOIS:

Albion: WBJW 91.7 LC

Christopher: WUEZ103.5 XC: 37-55-55 / 88-57-31 WYAA102.3 CC (ex WEMG), RA

with black gospel (Chicago)

Decatur: WDZQ 95.1 adds ABC country (&) El Dorado: WEBQ102.3 NC to 6 kW, 328', DA, RE

WJKL 94.3 go to ND

Geneseo: *NS 88.1 2 kW (v), 335 ft. Glenview: WGBK 88.5 PG> 150w, 3389 ft, DA

XG: 42-05-24 / 87-51-20

Illinois:

Highland Park: WXXY 103.1 CC (ex WVVX), FC to

R&B oldies (Chicago)

Jacksonville: W218BA 91.5 NS- 15w: WTSG Monee: WMBY 88.9 CC (ex WGNR) Morris: WYXX103.1 CC (ex WJDK), FC to

R&B oldies // WXXY 103.1 Highland Park Ramsev: WJLY 93.3 XG: 39-08-04 / 89-06-00

St.Joseph: WGNJ 89.3 NO-RE

Seneca: WJEK 95.7 NW, ABC a/c (&)

INDIANA:

Alexandria: WAXT 96.7 adds Jones AC Anderson: WGNR 97.9 CC (ex WXXP)

Auburn: WGL 102.3 adds 1-on-1 sports // AM (&)

Danville: WSYW107.1 PC> 1.8 kW, 604 ft. Ferdinand: WQKZ 98.5 NW, CD Country (&) Hagerstown: WBSH91.1 NW. info/classical // WBST

Indianapolis: WNAP93.1 adds Howard Stern Portland: WBSJ 91.7 NW, info/classical // WBST

Winamac: WFRI 100.1 LC

IOWA:

New London: *NS 97.3 AF Sageville: KIYX 106.1 NO-GF

KANSAS:

K217CV 91.3 NS-250w: WAFR 88.3 MS Concordia: KCKS 95.3 OSA to 94.9 - C1, 100 kW

538 ft, XG: 39-38-17 / 97-49-19 Dearing: *NS 98.1 6 kW, 328 ft.

Dodge City: KONQ91.9 NC to 223', XC, RX Kingman: KCVW 94.3 LC

Marysville: K219DG91.7 NS-WAFR 88.3 MS

Medicine Lodge: KREJ 101.7 dec. to 476 ft XG: 37-14-00 / 98-39-44

Pleasanton: *** 101.5 PA: add class C3

KENTUCKY:

Benton: *NS 88.1 AF

Carlisle: WVCM100.7 RA with religion and cont. Christian // WJMM 106.3

Danville: WHIR 107.1 NC to 4.9 kW, 157 ft. Garrison: WOKE 98.3 NO-RE

Hawesville: WXCM 97.1 PG< 2.5 kW, 505 ft,

XC: 37-47-44 / 86-50-58

PA: to CL: Whitesville, KY - class A

Middlesboro: *NS 90.1 AF

LOUISIANA:

Arcadia: *NS 92.5 5.5 kW, 328 ft. Ball: *NS 105.5 1.5 kW, 328 ft.

Buras: *NS 91.1 AF (AFA) Clayton: KFGA107.9 NO-RE

DeRidder: *NS 91.1 250w, 289 ft. Jackson: WBJJ 104.5 NO-CX-DE Jonesville: KTYX 105.1 CC (NS)

Minden: KSYR 95.7 XG: 32-37-50 / 93-16-56 Natchitoches: KDBH 97.7 QG to 97.3 C3, 25 kW, 312'

MAINE:

Freeport: WMSJ 89.3 LC

Kennebunk:WBQQ99.3 adds Super classical (&) Portland: W281AC 104.1 NS-50w: WMPG 90.9

MARYLAND:

Morningside: WPGC95.5 drops Ed Lover & Dr. Dre

FMNEWS

MASSACHUSETTS:

Amherst: WFCR 88.5 NC to 13 kW, 968', RX Milton: WMLN 91.5 XG: 42-14-28 / 71-06-52

New Bedford: *NS 88.1 AF

MICHIGAN:

Brooklyn: WKHM105.3 FC to adult cont.

Caro: WIDL 92.1 RA with classic rock (&)

Detroit: WMXD 92.3 PG< 45 kW, 479 ft, DA

Grand Rapids: WFGR 98.7 adds Super - classical (&)

Lansing: WJIM 97.5 NC to 45 kW, 593', RX

McMillan: *** 102.3 PA: add class C3

Oscoda: WCLS100.7 FC to CD Country (&)

Sault Ste Marie: ***93.9 PA: add class C3

Stephenson: WFON106.3 NO-RE

MINNESOTA:

Bemidji: *NS 95.5 AF
Bemidji: K234AA94.7 NS-50w: KAXE 91.7
Duluth: KTCO 98.9 XG: 46-47-27 / 92-06-59
Park Rapids: *NS 92.5 3.2 kW, 443 ft.
Rochester: *NS 88.7 250w(v),25w(h), 531'

St.Charles: KLCX 107.7 NO-RE Walker: *NS 101.9 6 kW, 328 ft.

MISSISSIPPI:

Fayette: WTYJ 97.7 NC to 6 kW, 328 ft, RX Liberty: *NS 107.7 25 kW, 328 ft. New Augusta: *** 101.7 GA: add class A Newton: WMYQ 97.9 PG< 8.7 kW, 551 ft XG: 32-21-57 / 88-54-50 Philadelphia: WWSL102.3 adds Jones AC (&)

Tylertown: *** 107.3 GA: add class A

MISSOURI:

Kansas City: KOZN102.1 CC (ex KYYS)
Kansas City: KYYS99.7 CC (ex KLTH) "KY"
Owensville:*NS 95.3 AF

Pt.Lookout: KSMS 90.5 PC< 8.5 kW. 893'. C2

Savannah: *NS 91.9 AF St.Joseph: *NS 91.9 AF Wheeling: KULH105.9 CC (NS)

MONTANA:

Butte: KAPC 91.3 NO-RE

Choteau: K218CN91.5 5w(v): KGFC 88.9 Eureka: *** 93.5 GA: add class C3

Hamilton: *NS 98.1 AF
Helena: KUHM 91.7 NO-RE
Kalispell: KUKL 89.9 NO-RE
Plains: KPLG 91.5 CC (NS)

NEBRASKA:

Nebraska City: KESY 97.7CC (ex KOSJ)
Omaha: KSRZ104.5 CC (ex KESY) "Star"
Orchard: KGRD105.3 inc.502',

XG: 42-20-45 / 98-25-05

Ord: KNLV 103.9 NC to 4.7 kW, GX

NEVADA:

Las Vegas: KEDG103.5 drops Mancow Muller Verdi: K241AK96.1 NS-?? KRZQ 96.5 Reno W.Wendover: *NS 89.7 AF



NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Berlin: WPKQ103.7 PC< 4.8 kW, 3759', non-dir Gorham: WXLQ107.1 FC to adult rock (&)

NEW JERSEY:

Avalon: WCZT 94.3 adds ABC AC (&)
Dover Twp: WWNJ 91.1 NC to 50 kW (v), GX
E.Orange: WFMU 91.1 NC to 1.5 kW, 492', RE
Hazlet: WCNJ 89.3 may go top 40, "C FM"

Manahawkin: WNJM89.9 NO-RE

Trenton: WNJO 94.5 CC (ex WCHR), FC to oldies

Villas: WFNN 98.7 adds JRN classic rock (&)



NEW MEXICO:

Alamogordo: KNMZ103.7PC> 6 kW, -39 ft. Carlsbad: *NS 106.1 50 kW, 318 ft. Corrales: KSVA 95.1 increase to 433' XG: 35-04-04 / 106-46-46

Kirtland: *NS 102.9 100 kW, 1007 ft. Maljamar: KWMW105.1 dec. to 924', C1

XG: 32-52-50 / 103-41-01

Raton: K216DQ 91.1 NS-250w(h): KRCC 90.5 CO

Raton: *NS 96.5 AF Raton: *NS 97.7 AF

Taos: KTAO101.5 OSA to C1, 1050w, 2824 ft

XG: 36-14-48 / 105-38-15

NEW YORK:

Albion: *** 102.1 PA: add class A

Amsterdam: WBKK 97.7 adds Super - classical (&) Arlington: WRRB 96.9 CC (ex WDSP)

Brockport: WASB105.5 NO-RE

Honeoye Falls: WRCD 107.3 PA: to S.Bristol Twp, NY class A

Newburgh: WGNY103.1 PC> 6 kW, 279 ft, DA

XC: 41-28-25 / 74-08-22

New York: WBIX 105.1 CC (ex WNSR), FC

to hot a/c "Big"

Ogdensburg: WZEA98.7NO-GE

Poughkeepsie: W292CM 106.3 NS-??

watts, WXHD 90.1

South Bristol: WNVE 95.1 PA: to Honeoye Falls ,cls B

Sylvan Bch: *NS 100.3 6 kW, 328 ft. Truxton: *NS 88.7 100 w, 220 ft.

Watertown:*NS 90.1 AF

NORTH CAROLINA:

Apex: W299AP107.7 NS-38w: WBFJ 89.3 SC

Asheboro: WWMO89.5 NO-RE
Aurora: *NS 104.5 6 kW, 328 ft.
Biltmore Forest: WZLS 96.5 RA with rock

(Asheville) (see notes)

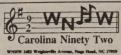
Burlington: WKXU101.1 CC (ex WPCM) "Kix"
Creedmoor: W256AH 99.1NS-55w: WBFJ 89.3 SC

Goldsboro: WKIX 96.9 CC (ex WKTC)

Henderson: W299AO 107.7 NS-55w: WBFJ 89.3 SC

Hertford: WFMZ104.9 NW, cont. Christia





North Carolina:

Lizard Lick: W257BH 99.3 NS-?? w: WBFJ 89.3 SC W275AH102.9 NS-?? w: WLPG 91.7 SC Maxton: Nags Head: WNHW92.3 OSA to 92.3, 18 kW, 384 ft

XG: 35-50-49 / 75-37-19

Pinetops: WKTC 95.5 CC (ex WEQQ), FC to country "Katie country"

WBBB 96.1 CC (ex WKIX) FC to

rock "96 Rock"

WCPE 89.7 NC to 1187', C. DA. RE. Raleigh:

NORTH DAKOTA:

Fargo: KFBN 88.7 LC

OHIO:

Dayton: WGXM 98.1 RA with variety Gibsonburg: WIMX95.7 adds ABC urban AC (&) adds Tom Joyner (Toledo)

Marion: WOSB 91.1 XG: 40-41-04 / 83-15-24 Marysville: WKFX105.7 CC (ex WHQK) McArthur: WYPC 98.7 CC (ex WCLX) WAQZ107.1 PC< 2.8 kW, 866 ft, B1 Milford:

XC: 39-06-59 / 84-30-07

University Hts: WJCU 88.7 CC (ex WUJC)

OKLAHOMA:

Ardmore: KACO 98.5 QC from 96.5, PC> 14 kW now C3, 341 ft, XC: 34-10-56 / 97-05-01 Bethany: KNTL 104.9 FC to sports (OKC) Guthrie: K247AH97.3 on air // KLVV 88.7 OK Idabel: *NS 102.9 AF

91.9 1,950w, 246 ft. McAlester: *NS

Okmulgee: KCFM 94.1 adds Super - classical (&) Shawnee: KQCV 95.1 CC (ex KABH), NO-RX Wagoner: KRQZ102.1 FC to classic rock (&)

OREGON:

Central Pt: K216DR91.1 NS-?? w: KLVN 93.3

Florence: *NS 88.1 AF

Hermiston: KQFM 99.3 FC to oldies (&) (Pendleton) Milton-Freewater: KTHK 97.9 NC to 20 kW, RX

K209CP 89.7 NS-?? w: KLOV

PENNSYLVANIA:

Boalsburg: WBUS 93.7 LC

WFGO 94.7 PG> 1.7 kW, 613 ft.

Red Lion: WTHM 96.1 FC to country // WIOV 105.1 WPHD 94.7 PC> 12 kW, 482 ft, DA, B1

XC: 42-03-43 / 77-21-38

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Camden: WPUB102.7 QC from 94.3, PC> 6 kW.298'

*NS 90.5 AF (AFA)

Mt.Pleasant: W211AX90.1 NS-10w(v): WPCS 89.5 FL Murrell's Inlet: WHGB 88.3 NO-RX

SOUTH DAKOTA:

94.3 100 KW, 1643 ft. Lead: *NS

FREGGY 94.7

TENNESSEE:

Belle Meade: WNPL106.7 noted testing (Nashville) Cookeville: W265BC 100.9 NS-250w: WKXD 106.9

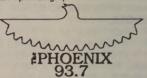
Hohenwald: WAUO90.7 PG< 500 w.

Jamestown: WCLC105.1 NC to 2850w, 476', GE Nashville: WLAC105.9 FC to classic rock, adds John Boy & Billy

WAUV 89.7 PG 4.3 kW, 394 ft, C3 Ripley:

XG: 35-46-31 / 89-28-18

Springfield: WDBL 94.3 FC to country (// WDBL-AM 5a-12n), Americana (// WYYB 93.7 12n-7p), and (urban 7p-midnight)



TEXAS:

90.5 AF Abilene: *NS

Austin: KPEZ 102.3 adds John Boy & Billy KYCM 88.5 4 kW (v), 308 ft, DA,CC(NS) Bastrop: KGSR107.1 PC< 39 kW, 499', C2 Bastrop: Benavides: *** 98.7 XA to add class A

Benavides: KXTM107.7 XA: to C2 - Bruni, TX Big Spring: *NS 91.5 250w, 331 ft. (AFA)

Bridgeport: KBOC 98.3 PC> 6 kW, 226 ft. Brownfield: *NS 88.5 AF

Brownwood: *NS 88.5 AF Caldwell: KLTR 95.1 NO-RE Callisburg: *NS 91.9 AF

KKHT 106.9 NC to 1899', XC, RE Conroe:

Corpus Christi: KBSO 94.7 XA: change from C3 to C2 Crane: KKKK 101.3 CC (ex KXXL), FC to religion Daingerfield: KKLK106.9 PA: to C3: Ore City, TX Dallas:

KERA 90.1 will run BBC overnights (after midnight, but after 2am on Monday) Del Rio: K209BX89.9 on this freq, not 89.7 (WAFR)

Floresville: KRIO 94.1 PG> 40 kW, 548 ft.

Gainesville: KECS107.9 NO-RE

Ganado: KZAM104.7 NW, country "KZ 105"

Gatesville: KRYL 98.3 FC to classic rock (&) (Killeen) George West: *** 93.5 GA: add class C3

Harlingen: *NS 89.9 AF

Hebbronville: *NS101.7 3 kW, 328 ft.

Henderson: KDVE 99.9 RA with Real Country (&) Ingleside: KCCG107.3 CC (ex KAHX) "Corpus

Christi Gold"

Jacksonville: KLJT102.3 FC to cont. Christian (Tyler) CC (ex KSIZ)

Jefferson: KJTX 104.5 PC> 2.3 kW, 531 ft,

XC: 32-49-23 / 94-28-32

KAHO 93.5 noted on the air. Junction: Kerrville: KBAB 88.7 CC (NS)

McCook: *NS 91.5 2.6 kW, 351 ft. Markham: KGFJ 92.5 CC (NS)

Mineral Wells: *** 95.9 PA: add class C1 Monahans: KCDQ102.1 inc. to 984', class C

New Boston: *NS 105.1 AF

New Ulm: KMIA 92.3 NO-RX

Odessa: KLVW 99.1 CC (ex KKKK), FC to

cont. Christian "K-Love"

Texas:

Odessa: KMCM 96.9 CC (ex KQIP)

Palestine: KLIS 96.7 SG "Texas Country 96-7" Pleasanton: K220GL91.9 NS-50w(v): KAWZ 88.9 ID Rio Grande City: KCTM 103.1 GA: to 107.5 - C2 Rockport: KZJM 102.3 CC (ex KXCC), FC to

dance-CHR "Jarnz" (Corpus Christi) Roxton: *** 102.7 PA: add class A San Antonio: KSYM90.1 PC> 5.7 kW

Sherman: KNKI 96.7 PG> 92 kW, 2034 ft, class C XG: 33-26-13 / 97-29-05, CL: Flower Mound, TX

Sulphur Sps: KDXE95.9 FC to soft AC

UTAH:

Levan: *NS 99.1 AF

Ogden: KBER101.1 adds Bob & Tom Richfield: *NS 97.5 32 kW, 3027 ft.



VERMONT:

Stowe: WCVT101.7 adds Super classical (&) **VIRGINIA:**

Crozet: WVAO102.3 adds Jones oldies (&)

Deltaville: *NS 92.3 6 kW, 298 ft.

Exmore: *NS 106.1 AF Willamsburg: WKLR96.5 dec. to 453 ft XG: 37-20-22 /

77-24-31, CL: Fort Lee, VA

WASHINGTON:

Bridgeport: K296ET 107.1 NS-2w(v), DA: KOMW 92.7

Chewelah: *** 102.7 GA: add class C3 Elma: KAPV102.1 PG> 25 kW, 321 ft, C3

Kennewick: KBLD 91.7 LC Leavenworth: KLVH 101.1 LC

Manson: *** 94.7 PA: add class C3

Pasco: KEYW 98.3 NC to 1214', C2, XC, RE Yakima: KRSE105.7 dec. to 544',

XC: 46-42-41 / 120-37-20

WEST VIRGINIA:

Beckley: WJLS 99.5 adds JRN Country (&)

Berkeley Sps: WDHC 93.5PC 3 kW (cir)
Bridgeport: WDCI 104.1 PC> 2450w

Mullens: WPMW92.7 FC to CD Country (&)

Petersburg:WELD101.7 PC> 1.9 kW (h), DA Pt.Pleasant: WPCN 88.1 CC (NS)

Ravenswod: WMOV93.1 CC (ex WFYZ) Spencer: WVRC104.7 CX CP for 3 kW, 328 ft.

WISCONSIN:

Algoma: WBDK 96.7 FC to standards (&)

Antigo: WACD106.1 NW, adult standards (&) Clintonville: WJMQ 92.3 adds CD Country (&)

Cuba City: *NS 89.7 AF

Kellnersville: *** 97.1 XA: add class A

Menomonee Falls: WFMR 98.3 add Super classical (&)

Two Rivers: *** 97.1 GA: add class A

Whiting: WYTE 96.7 XG: 44-38-33 / 89-51-24

WYOMING:

Casper: KASS 106.9 CX CP for 1765', XC

Pinedale: KPIN 101.1 LC

U.S. TERRITORIES:

PUERTO RICO:

Carolina: WAHQ107.7 NC to 12 kW, 2758', GE

VIRGIN ISLANDS:

Charlotte Amalie: *NS 93.1 NO-GE

Frederiksted: WAXJ103.5 NO-GE, CC (NS)



CANADA

ALBERTA:

Banff: CBPH101.3 QG to 101.1

Banff: CHFM 99.3 wants PG> 210 watts
Bonnyville: *NS 98.7 3.88 kW, // CHFA 680
Calgary: CJSI 88.9 wants PG< 19 kW, CC (NS)

Ft. McMurray: CJOK1230 QG to 93.3, 10.7 kW

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Ft.St.John: CHRX 98.5 PG> 50 kW, XG

Metochin/Sooke: *NS99.5 38 w // CBC Victoria Victoria: *NS 90.5 3,190w: CBC

Whistler: *NS 92.3 app for 47w // CFOX 99.3

MANITOBA:

Winnipeg: CKMM103.1 FC to CHR "Hot 103"

NEW BRUNSWICK:

Grand Falls: *NS 93.5 NS 5.3 kw wanted // CJCJ

920, with 2.5 hours/wk of local ads Rogersville: CBAF ?? NO-CX-DE

St. John: CHSJ 94.1 QC from 700, now 50.4 kW

St.John: CJYC 98.9 PG< 8.2 kW, XG

NOVA SCOTIA:

Antigonish: CJFX 580 granted 98.9 / 1.9 kW, must go up in power and delete AM by August 31, 2004

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:

Iqaluit: *NS 89.9 10 w, monstly lnuktitut, with 7 hours of English a week.

ONTARIO:

Bracebridge: CFBG100.9FC to classic hits Hamilton: *NS 101.5 may be on the air

Killaloe: *NS 102.9 app 33 w

Kingston: CBCK107.5 many now relay CBO 91.5
Ottawa, rather than the CBL Toronto net.

Midland: CICZ 104.1 PC> 9170 watts

Midiand: CiC2 104.1 PC> 9170 waπs Neapan: *NS 97.1 app 50 w

Orangeville: CIDC 103.5 wants PG< 30.7 kW Penetanguishene: *NS 89.7 app 2.8 kW, // CBL 99.1

St.Thomas:CFHK103.1 FC to classic hits Wawa: *NS 107.1 app 210 w.

"THE VOICE OF MUSKOKA"

MUSKOKA FM 101

QUÉBEC:

Armagh: CFIN 103.9 wants PG> 1,390 w Chicoutimi: CBJE 107.9 wants 102.7, 30 kW CJMF 93.3 PC< 32.9 kW Québec:

Radisson: *NS 103.1 17 w. 94.1 1,250 watts Sept-lles: *NS

(CKCN 560 wants this, but at 4,880 w)

YUKON:

CHON 98.1 PG> 4261 w. Whitehorse:



MÉXICO

CHIHUAHUA:

Ciudad Juarez: XHGU 105.9 SG "La Romance" Ciudad Juarez: XHH 100.7 SG "Majica Digital" a/c SS

COAHUILA:

Ciudad Acuna: XHRG 95.5 15 kW. "Estereo Vida" Ciudad Acuna: XHPL99.7 "R. Felicidad"

Ciudad Acuna: XHHAC 100.7 SG "La Suavecita" La Fiera: XHSL 99.1 this station may be here now with 1kW, was very weak in Piedras Negras.

Monclova: XHMZI 91.1 100 kW "La Grande de

Coahuila", "La Grande 91-1", gets out well Piedras Negras: XH?? 106.3 "Fiesta Mexicana", 15 kW Piedras Negras: XHTA 94.5 "Dinamica Auditiva" Piedras Negras: XHSG 99.9 "Cristal FM Estereo. La Suave Differencia", 10 kW

Piedras Negras?: XH?? 104.3 "Super FM" and

"La Consentida"

Piedras Negras: XHRE105.5 SG "Radio Ensueño" Piedras Negras: XH?? 106.3, talk // 99.9 XHSG Piedras Negras: XEPN 107.1 noted // XHPC 107.9 "La Estation de Amor"

Piedras Negras: XHPC 107.9 SG "Super Estelar" XHCDU92.9 SG "Super-Estelar 92.9",3kw

GUANAJUATO:

XERE 88.1 5 kW. "La Comadre" // 920 Celava: XHXV 88.9 3 kW, "Radio 13" // 1290 Leon: XHML 90.3 60 kW, "Stereo Vida" Leon: Guanajuato: XHFL 90.7 // XEFL 1500 XHLTO91.1 20 kW, "GOB EDO" San Miguel Allende: XHSML 91.3 3 kW, "GOD EDO" XHOI 92.3 20 kW, "Stereo OI" XHNY 93.5 40 kW. "Sonorama 93" Irapuato: XHRPL93.9 1 kW, "La Poderosa" // 1270 Leon: Irapauto: XHJTA 94.3 25 kW, "Stereo Amistad" XHNH 95.1 36 kW, "Golden Hits" Irapauto: XHPQ 97.5 50 kW, "Stereo Amistad" Leon: XHLG 98.3 20 kW, "Romantica" Leon: Celava: XHZN 99.3 1 kW, "Stereo Digital" XESD 99.3 "R. Actualidades" // 1530 Silao:



Guanaiuato:

XHSO 99.9 90 kW, "Stereo Rey" Leon: Guanajuato: XHJUA100.7 20 kW "GOB EDO" Guanajuato: XHLVO101.5 10 kW "Fiesta Mexicana" XHLVO101.5 30 kW, "Extasis Digital" XHOO102.3 50 kW, "Fiesta Mexicana" Leon: Leon: XHGTO 103.5 10 kW, "La Nueva Leon:

Radio Cañon"

XHMD104.1 90 kW, "FM Globo" Leon: San Miguel Allended: XHMIG 3 kW, 105.9 "Stereo 106" Irapauto: XHITO106.3 5 kW, "Bonita FM" XHCGT 107.5 50 kW, "El v Ella" Celava:

NUEVO LEON:

Monterey: XHPJ 106.9 SG "Classic Mix 106.9"

TAMAULIPAS:

Nuveo Laredo:XHLDO88.9 // XHSOT 91.3

Soto La Marina

w/ "Sistema Estatal Radio Tamaulipas" Nuveo Laredo: XHNOE 91.3 "Estereo 91 FM" Nuevo Laredo: XHLTN 94.1 "Super Estelar 94.1"

(aren't these the calls for 104.5 Tljuana?) Nuevo Laredo: XHBK 95.7 "Super 95" Nuevo Laredo: XHNLO 97.1 "Estereo Recuerdo"

Nuevo Laredo: XHNK99.3 "FM 99. La Maior Estacion Grupera", MONO

Nuevo Laredo: XHAS 101.5 "La Tamaulipeca" Nuevo Laredo: XHMW 102.3 "Estereo Vida" Nuevo Laredo: XH?? 104.9 "Radio Universidad"

ment. "92.3" freq. // 92.3 Rio Bravo

PIRATE WATCH:

West Palm Beach: Two Spanish language pirate stations are reported: 88.7 "Turismo FM", with ads and Latin music (salsa, maregues), and 101.3 "Radio Latina".

 This month has to be a record for amount of Mexican information! Several people deserve thanks for their help! Fernando Garcia sent the extensive information on FM stations from the stateofGuanajuato. The source of his information is the national magazine El Universo de la Radio. ChipKelleyreceivedtheinfoontheCiudadJuarez stations via e-mail and forwarded it along. The information from along the Texas border was taken from Glenn Hauser's e-mail "Run To The Border", a report from a recent trip Glenn made to that area. It is a comprehensive report of over 700 lines available to those interested in radio & TV that Contact Glenn at area. ghauser@hotmail.com for more information. It goes into much more detail than I have here. Very interestingreport, Glenn!

 Yet another update to the situation in Asheville, NC on 96.5 (see recent FM News columns). On Friday 1/16/98, Biltmore Forest's WZRQ signed off 96.5. The following noon, Zeb Lee's WZLS recaptured that frequency. This case gained notoriety because of GOP Senator Jesse Helms' public support of Lee. Biltmore is talking about an appeal, so this may not yet be over.

 The Radio Aahs network (programming for children) officially signed off the air for good on January 31st. This was mostly a network of AM stations but did have a few FM affiliates.

• The CRTC has granted Winsdor, Ont. stations CIDR 93.9 (adult album alternative) and CIMX 88.7 (modern rock) the freedom to change format at will, without having to apply to the commission for approval. This is due to strong competition from Detroit stations, and the need for flexibility to react to "frequent and sudden" format changes by stations across the river. In addition, license restrictions barring "speciality programming" have been removed (jazz, clas-

sical, news, talk, variety, etc.)

 More CRTC news from Bill Hepburn, Bill noted an item on their web page about a proposal to exempt native radio stations from requiring a license to operate. The new rule would take effect for communities with no other commercial broadcasters. Although these stations would not need a license, they would still have to uphold CRTC guidelines. On the same topic, Doug Smith notes that these stations would still need a "broadcasting certificate" from the Canadian "Department of Communication" (DOC). If you were unaware of this: The CRTC handles decisions such as which applicant gets a frequency, etc. while the DOC regulates the technical side of licensees. So these stations would still probably be assigned call letters.

 Doug also sends a correction about an item in last month's column. The multiple stations listed for each freq. in Toronto for digital radio are NOT competing applications. What I forgot is that each frequency can support up to five different programs. So each frequency can support all stations listed. Thanks for the clari-

fication!

their station "Z95"

 Doug Smith notes that in an interview with Radio World, new FCC chair Bill Kennard considers legalizing "microbroadcasting" This may mean the resurrection of the old "Class D" FM

stations, possibly up to a power of 100 watts.
• From Doug Smith, word on an interesting web site: Some of you may be aware of the remotely tunable R8 shortwave/MW receiver in Virginia. This month's ham magazine QST indicates there is now a R7000 performing the same task in suburban Washington, DC. If you think a nunID FM or TV DX reception might be from the Washington area, this could be a good way to ID it. The URL is: http://nihac.info.nih.gov/listener/listener.html (Real Audio is required)
• Chip Kelley sends an item from the Internet noting that there is further controversy with the format change at 102.3 Rockport, Texas (now

KZJM). The station tried the slogan "102.3 Jams". Competitor KZFM 95.5 sued for an injunction, saying that word is associated with

Judge Mike Westergren agreed, and issued a temporary injunction, restricting KZJM to using the word only eight times per day, and not anywhere in their station slogan. The injunction also requires the station to get new call letters from the FCC, but they can sign on the air in the meantime (the station has been silent for a few weeks). This may be the last of this issue: KZJM probably will not pursue it, according to owner Rick Dames: "My preference is to move on, ... and develop a new concept, market it, perfect it,

and kick (KZFM's) *** in the ratings".

• Doug also heard mention on NPR on incident involving Denver's KBPI 106.7, and the Super Bowl. KBPI bought an ad in the *Green Bay Press-Gazette* saying "Good Luck Broncos - Frost Packers", with a hand signal for "We're #1". Apparently, what no one noticed right away was that when folded for insertion into the newspaper, the ad depicted an obscene gesture and the caption became something unprintable! The paper was not pleased. I also heard that KBPI tried this in Pittsburgh the week of the AFC Championship game, but the *Post-Gazette* figured it out before it was too late. I believe KBPI has now also donated to a Wisconsin charity as an "apology".

 While we're on the topic of that state, here is a listing of Wisconsin Public radio stations, by programming type, provided by Doug Smith.

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NPR NEWS & IDEAS NETWORK:

KUWS 91.3 Superior

| NOVVO | 31.0 | Superior |
|-------|------|------------|
| WHBM | 90.3 | Park Falls |
| WHWC | 88.3 | Menomonie |
| WHLA | 90.3 | La Crosse |
| WRST | 90.3 | Oshkosh |
| WGBW | 91.5 | Green Bay |
| WLFM | 91.1 | Appleton |
| WHHI | 91.3 | Highland |
| WHAD | 90.7 | Delafield |
| WLBL | 930 | Auburndale |
| WHA | 970 | Madison |

NPR NEWS & CLASSICAL MUSIC NET:

| WHSA | 88.9 | Brule |
|------|------|------------|
| WVSS | 90.7 | Menomonie |
| WUEC | 89.7 | Eau Claire |
| WHRM | 90.9 | La Crosse |
| WPNE | 89.3 | Green Bay |
| WERN | 88.7 | Madison |
| WGTD | 91.1 | Kenosha |

WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO



TV NEWS

Douglas E. Smith W9WI 1385 Old Clarksville Pike Pleasant View, TN 37146-8098 72777.3143@compuserve.com

March 1998

*: Non-commercial station

nc: No Change

+/-: Channel offsets (plus,

z/n: minus, zero, and none)
^: Digital TV station

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

| st. | Ch. | ERP | HAAT | City; applicant | |
|-----|------|-------|------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| AR | *46z | 5000 | 339 | Gosnell; Comm. TV Educ. | 35-28-03N/ 90-11-27W |
| CA | 28^ | 1000 | 401 | San Francisco; KPIX [5] | 37-45-20N/122-27-05W |
| OH | 35^ | 65 | 288 | Cincinnati; WLWT [5] | 39-07-27N/ 84-31-18W |
| OH | 28^ | 120.3 | 329 | Lorain; WUAB [43] | 41-22-45N/ 81-43-12W |

KPIX-DT [28] has already been granted. Gosnell, Arkansas is near Memphis, and the new-station application specifies use of the existing tower of Memphis FM station WYPL.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED FOR NEW STATIONS

| | | | Call/ | | |
|-----|-----|------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| St. | Ch. | ERP | HAAT | City; applicant | |
| AZ | 4n | 0.05 | KSGI1 | Beaver Dam; KSGI [4] | 37-09-18N/113-52-48W |
| AZ | 11+ | 1.58 | 54 | Holbrook; Ch. 11 TV LLC | 34-55-05N/110-08-25W |
| AZ | 52n | 17.6 | K52A0 | Tucson; KTVW [33] | 32-14-56N/111-06-58W |
| CA | 28^ | 1000 | 401 | San Francisco; KPIX [5] | 37-45-20N/122-27-05W |
| CO | 21- | 0.67 | KXRM1 | Canon City; KXRM [21] | 38-27-12N/105-14-25W |
| CO | 21+ | 1.17 | KXRM2 | Cripple Creek; KXRM [21] | 38-45-17N/105-13-02W |
| CO | 21- | 0.83 | KXRM3 | Victor; KXRM [21] | 38-42-50N/105-08-42W |
| MO | 48+ | 1.16 | K48FV. | Joplin; B. J. Dykes | 37-04-23N/ 94-32-54W |
| MT | 34+ | 10.0 | K34EX | Kalispell; J. Poulsen | 48-30-22N/114-20-49W |
| MT | 35+ | 10.0 | K35EZ | Kalispell; M. Davis | 48-30-22N/114-20-49W |
| MT | 13z | 5.00 | 588 | Lewistown; Sunbelt Comms. | 47-10-46N/109-32-05W |
| MT | 42n | 15.7 | K42EO | Missoula; T. Sheldahl | 46-47-49N/114-00-59W |
| NM | 53- | 0.79 | K53FU | Clovis; B. Salgado | 34-21-48N/103-12-27W |
| PR | 46- | 12.8 | WIDP1 | Las Palmas; WIDP [46] | 18-01-59N/ 66-07-09W |
| PR | 62z | 4.6 | W62CW | San Juan; Telecable of PR | 18-16-51N/ 66-06-38W |
| TX | 55n | 0.05 | K55HV | Del Rio; J. Villareal | 29-22-25N/100-50-06W |
| TX | 68n | 28.1 | K68FU | Laredo; J.B. Salazar | 27-31-14N/ 99-31-19W |
| WA | 60n | 0.62 | K60FR | Northport; KHQ [6] | 48-54-31N/117-52-04W |
| WI | 68+ | 0.60 | W68DJ | Hayward; S. Gardner | 45-59-07N/ 91-32-00W |
| | | | | | |

I believe the offset for KXRM-2 is an error and should be minus.

| New | -station permits | expired, di | smis | sed, etc.: | |
|-----|------------------|-------------|------|-------------|----|
| AZ | Holbrook | 11 (4 apps) | AZ | Sells | 36 |
| AZ | Tucson | 54 | | | |
| AZ | Yuma 24,26,30, | 38, 46, 48 | CA | Coachella | 23 |
| CA | El Centro | 56 (TBN) | CA | La Jolla | 64 |
| MO | Branson | 58 | MT | Missoula | 42 |
| NM | Clovis | 53(3 apps) | TN | Clarksville | 57 |
| TX | Del Rio | 14 | TX | Laredo | 51 |
| TX | Midland | 53 (3 apps |) | | |
| | | | | | |

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE EXISTING FACILITIES

| St. | Ch | ERP | HAAT | Call | City |
|-----|-----|-----|------|---------|--------------|
| AR | 29+ | nc | 266 | KHOG-TV | Fayetteville |
| MT | 12z | 243 | 711 | KTVH | Helena |

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

| St. | Ch | ERP | HAAT | Call | City | |
|-----|-----|------|--------|-------|------------|--|
| CA | 49+ | 39.0 | 1 1000 | K49DD | Sacramento | |
| CA | 62+ | 27.9 | | K62D0 | Sacramento | |

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

| St. | Ch | ERP | HAAT | Call City | |
|-----------|--------------|------|------|---------------------|----------------------|
| St. FL | <u>Ch</u> 5+ | 3.0 | | WOCX-LP Fort Pierce | |
| MS | 69z | 2.4 | | W69DY Tunica | |
| NJ | 49- | 21.7 | | W68CV Camden | 40-04-59N/ 75-10-56W |
| NV | 43z | 5.1 | | K15EP Las Vegas | |
| OH | 18+ | 7.7 | | W18BP Lima | |
| QU | 46 | 33.0 | nc | CKMI-TV-1 Montreal | |
| PR | 52z | 274 | | WDZE Carolina | |
| TX | 21- | 26.4 | | K21DZ San Antonio | |

CHANGES GRANTED TO EXISTING FACILITIES

| St. | Ch | ERP | HAAT | Call | City | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------|------|---------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| AR | 51z | 13.9 | | K51ET | Batesville | | |
| CA | 44z | 10.7 | | K44DT | Simi Valley | 34-19-41N/118-35-48W | |
| (fr | com Sai | nta Pau | la) | | | | |
| FL | 22- | 14.7 | | W22CE | Orlando | (from W14BX) | |
| GA | 67+ | 21.6 | | W67CI | Atlanta | 33-54-59N/ 84-12-07W | |
| (fr | om Ro | swell) | | | | | |
| IN | 48+ | 11.9 | | WKGK-LP | Kokomo | 40-26-58N/ 86-04-57W | |
| NY | 67z | 26.8 | | W67DQ | Penfield | 43-02-10N/ 77-25-24W | |
| (fr | (from W55AC, Chocton-Avoca) | | | | | | |
| SD | 24n | 26.145 | 5 | KKRA-LP | Rapid City | 44-02-48N/103-14-16W | |

Changes expired, dismissed, etc.:
FL W15BQ Fort Pierce
WI WJFW [12] Rhinelander (change tower height)

CHANGES GRANTED TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

| St. | Ch | ERP | HAAT | Call | City | | |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|------------|------------|
| AR | 36+ | 6.11 | | K36DR | El Dorado | | |
| AR | 20z | 9.66 | | W20BR | Montrose | 33-18-08N/ | 91-25-13W |
| | (from | Greer | ville | MS) | | | |
| FL | 67z | 5000 | 128 | WPXP | Lake Worth | 26-45-47N/ | 80-12-19W |
| FL | 61+ | 14.0 | | W61DD | Miami | 25-46-19N/ | 80-11-31W |
| KY | 51- | 3.21 | | W51CK | Talbert | 37-11-34N/ | 83-11-16W |
| MO | 36+ | 15.7 | | K36EF | Columbia | | |
| MO | 38+ | 15.9 | | K38EO | Columbia | | |
| NM | 3z | 100 | 126 | KOFT | Farmington | 36-41-48N/ | 108-10-39W |
| | (from | Gallu | ip) | | | | |
| ОН | 18+ | 7.7 | - | W18BP | Lima | | |
| TX | 62+ | 17.8 | | K62FR | New Braunfels | 29-43-51N/ | 98-07-13W |
| | (from | chann | el 32 | 2) | | | |
| VT | 49- | nc | | W49BU | Manchester | 43-09-56N/ | 73-06-59W |
| | | | | | | | |

| The following | changes have been | granted to the wire | less cable system at M | Montrose, AR, | 33-18-08N/ 91-25-13W |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| W28BV | 10.54KW | W31BL | 10.68KW | W36CA | 11.26KW |
| W42CG | ?? | W54CF | 12.48KW | W56DP | 12.61KW |
| W62CT | 12.41KW | W66CW | 11 72KW | | |

The following changes have been granted to the wireless cable system at El Dorado, AR:
 K29DC
 29 10.7KW
 K46DT
 11.8KW
 K50EK

 K53FB
 12.8KW
 K57GF
 57+
 12.8KW
 K59FJ
 12.6KW 12.8KW K66EX 66+ 12.1KW

TECHNICAL CHANGES ON THE AIR

| AL | 42+ | WIAT | Birmingham | major power increase, add vertical |
|----|-----|---------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | polarization. |
| AL | 33z | WCFT-TV | Tuscaloosa | major power & tower height increases, |
| | | | | move 34km NNE. |
| CA | 68- | KNLA-LP | L.A. | move 54km ENE from Calabasas, major |
| | | | | power & tower height increases, move |
| | | | | from channel 38. |
| CA | 9z | KIXE-TV | Redding | unspecified. |
| HI | 13z | KHVO | Hilo | major power & minor tower height |
| | | | | increases. |

TECHNICAL CHANGES ON THE AIR

NC 47+ WRPX Rocky Mt. major tower height increase.
PA 27- WHIM-TV Harrisburg add vertical polarization, go

directional, minor power decrease and tower height increase.

I'm afraid I've had to delete LPTV info again in this section. The only significant LPTV change this month was the move of W34AG Rome, GA to channel 22 (W22CD) Roswell.

NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR

| Call: | Ch: | Location: | Power & HAAT: | Coordinates: |
|-------|-----|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| K30EU | 30- | Alturas, CA | 1.8KW | 41-32-24N/120-21-09W |
| K26C0 | 26z | Redding, CA | 37.8KW | 40-39-06N/122-31-32W |
| W59CX | 59- | Melbourne, FL | 7.03KW | 28-08-14N/ 80-42-11W |
| W54CC | 54- | Naples, FL (TBN) | 37.2KW | 26-12-12N/ 81-48-54W |
| W36CG | 36- | Evansville, IN | 17.0KW | 38-03-49N/ 87-42-36W |
| WKNT | 40+ | Bowling Green, KY | 776KW/244m | 37-02-10N/ 86-10-20W |
| K31EO | 31n | Mora, NM (KNME [5]) | 1.23KW | 35-57-39N/105-21-13W |
| W34CI | 34+ | Mayaguez, PR (WOLE) | 6.0KW | 18-18-51N/ 67-11-30W |
| K50EI | 50n | Ballinger, TX (TBN) | 7.38KW | 32-01-55N/ 99-46-29W |
| K53EN | 53n | Temple, TX (TBN) | 41.0KW | 31-28-00N/ 97-11-14W |
| K26ES | 26+ | Casper, WY (KFNB[20]) | 904 watts | 42-44-37N/106-18-31W |

WKNT [40] has been operating under a CP for several (5 or more!) years. They've finally received their operating license.

STATIONS DELETED/DISMISSED/ETC

| AZ: | K07VD | IA: | K46ES | K54FJ | K55HG | OK: | K17EB | K31ER | K67GV | |
|-----|-------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|--|
| CA: | K25FT | LA: | K55HJ | | 1 | PA: | W40BG | | | |
| co: | K15EO K18EQ K25FJ | MI: | W52CG | | | SC: | W65DB | | | |
| | K36EB K57GT | MN: | K67GK | | | TN: | W28BU | W52CM | W56DM | |
| FL: | W59CY | MO: | K36EF | | | | W58CT | | | |
| GA: | WDNN-LP [43] | NC: | W47CA | W51CP | W55CI | TX: | K17DZ | K17EA | K40EV | |
| | W47BY W61CU W65DH | | W57CM | W59DA | W61CX | | K64EY | | | |
| HI: | K40FC K41DZ K51EM | | W65DG | W69DN | | WI: | W55CN | | | |
| | K57HJ K63FE | NM: | K20FI | K38EP | K50EO | | | | | |
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CALL CHANGES

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|-------------|------------------|---------|-------------|------------------|---------|
| Was: | Location: | Now: | New [9] | Havre, MT | KBBJ |
| WBMG [42] | Birmingham, AL | WIAT | New [13] | Lewistown, MT | KBAO |
| K45ET | Cathedral C., CA | KPSP-LP | WFAY [62] | Fayetteville, NC | WFPX |
| KKAG [61] | Porterville, CA | KPXF | WAWO [38] | Greenville, NC | WEPX |
| KCMY [29] | Sacramento, CA | KSPX | WGOT [60] | Merrimack, NH | WPXB |
| K20DH | Aspen, CO | KSZG-LP | WTJC [26] | Springfield, OH | WDPX |
| KUBD [59] | Denver, CO | KPXC-TV | New [31] | Elk City, OK | KBCA |
| WHAI-TV[43] | Bridgeport, CT | WIPX | KWBF [32] | Salem, OR | KBPX |
| WTWS [26] | New London, CT | WHPX | WPTT-TV[22] | Pittsburgh, PA | WCWB |
| W65DF | Fort Myers, FL | WLZE-LP | WKZX [28] | Cookeville, TN | WNPX |
| WDVL-LP[41] | Jacksonville, FL | WPXJ-LP | WPMC [54] | Jellico, TN | WPXK |
| WCPX-TV[6] | Orlando, FL | WKMG-TV | KTFH [49] | Conroe, TX | KPXB |
| WTLK-TV[14] | Rome, GA | WPXA | KHIM [55] | Conroe, TX | KTBU |
| KAPA [66] | Kaneohe, HI | KPXO | K020C | Nacogdoches, TX | |
| KTVC [48] | Cedar Rapids, IA | KPXR | New [6] | Vernal, UT | KBCJ |
| W51BU | Indianapolis, IN | WIPX-LP | W17BR | Augusta Co., VA | |
| WNUV-TV[54] | Baltimore, MD | WNUV | WVVI [66] | Manassas, VA | WPXW |
| WBSX [31] | Ann Arbor, MI | WPXD | WJNW [57] | Janesville, WI | WHPN-TV |
| WILV [43] | Battle Ck., MI | WZPX | | | |

Yet again, the stations with "PX" in the calls are part of the new PaxNet network. Note that several of the Paxson stations have changed calls yet again, to a different "PX" call than they got the first time around. Why? Don't ask me! By the way, I noted WPXE [55] Kenosha, WI using their new call while visiting in Milwaukee in early February.

PROGRAMMING CHANGES

| WABM [68] | Birmingham, AL | from UPN to independent |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|
| K55FU | Escondido, CA | to 3ABN. |
| K29DX | San Diego, CA | to translate KRCA [62]. |
| XHIJ [44] | Cd. Juarez, CI | from Telemundo to ?? |
| 12 [44] | | |

PROGRAMMING CHANGES

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K38EO
                Colo. Sprs., CO traded for K68BY here.
                Colo. Sprs., CO traded for K38EO here.
K68BY
               Jacksonville, FL to PaxNet.
WPXJ-LP [41]
WTTV [4]
               Bloomington, IN drops UPN, goes independent.
               Marion, IN
WNDY [23]
                               from WB to UPN.
WTTK [29]
               Muncie, IN
                               WTTV [4] satellite drops UPN.
               Murray, KY
WQTV-LP [46]
                               WB affiliate sold to Murray State
                                University.
WUTB [24]
                Baltimore, MD
                               from HSC to UPN.
KSMO [62]
                Kansas City, MO drops UPN, goes independent.
KDNL [30]
              St. Louis, MO drops UPN, now ABC only.
WSSN-LP [10] Wilmington, NC to UPN.
      Gallina, NM
                                sold to KNME [5], PBS.
                Gallina, NM
K67CE
                                sold to KRQE [13], CBS.
               Las Cruces, NM from UPN to Telemundo.
KMAZ [48]
KUPN [21]
               Las Vegas, NV from UPN to WB. (expect call change)
WUTV [29]
              Buffalo, NY
                               from Fox & UPN to Fox only.
            Buffalo, NY from Fox & UPN to Fox only.

Buffalo, NY to UPN. (translator of WNGS [67])

Springville, NY to UPN.
WBUF-LP [39]
WNGS [67]
WNPA [19]
               Jeannette, PA to UPN.
WCWB [22]
               Pittsburgh, PA to WB.
KFDM [6]
               Beaumont, TX drops UPN, now CBS only.
               C. Christi, TX to UPN & Tejano music videos.
KTMV-LP [8]
               C. Christi, TX drops UPN, now Fox only.
K47DF
KNWS [51]
               Katy, TX
                               see KLDT [55].
                                drops most home shopping, goes
KLDT [55]
               L. Dallas, TX
                                independent. Still some PSN.
K58DP
               Seattle, WA
                               to ValueVision.
K22AD
                Gillette, WY
                               sold to KNBN-LP [27]; to be NBC?
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OTHER STUFF

Thanks to David Cox, Bill Hepburn, Jeff Kitsko, Chip Kelley, and John Lentz for information appearing elsewhere in this month's column. Jeff has a scan of the new WCWB [22] logo on members.aol.com/JJKitsko/tvq.html.

There hasn't been much news from Canada this month, but there was one surprising item. There will be no new national English-language networks north of the border, at least not any time soon. Global has stations or affiliates in all provinces except Newfoundland, and was widely expected to apply for a national network license; WIC (which has stations in B.C. and Manitoba and recently expanded its CHCH-TV to province-wide coverage of Ontario) was also believed to be interested in a network license. But neither company applied; indeed, Global filed documents against the issuance of network licenses. It looks like they consider their commonly-owned chain of independent stations a better idea.

Note that frequent skip target WCPX [6] Orlando has changed call letters. No reason has been given for the change, but my bet is that Paxson paid for the change so they could get WCPX for one of their affiliates. The station is still a CBS affiliate, and no other changes have been noted.

FORUM

Bill Hepburn, Brampton ON:

The January ice storm in eastern Ontario and Quebec seems to have temporarily cost SRC ("French CBC") some of its stations. Bill's local SRC affiliate CBLFT [25] Toronto normally relays CBOFT [9] Ottawa. But during the storm, he noted CBLFT with a SRC ID listing Regina, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, Windsor, La Tuque, Mont-Laurier, and Mont-Tremblant. Bill tags it an "odd" assortment of cities, and I agree! The latter three cities have SRC transmitters that normally repeat the CBFT [2] signal from Montreal directly off-air; presumably CBFT was off due to the icing.

FORUM

CBLFT was also noted carrying the cable "RDI" news channel, and with "SRC Atlantique" (CBAFT [11] Moncton). To my knowledge, CKWS-TV [11] Kingston, Ontario was the only TV station to lose its tower. I would assume power failures were the reason for the Montreal outage.

David Cox, Birmingham AL:

Shortly after Christmas, WBMG [42] fired its entire news staff and suspended its newscasts. Poor ratings were blamed. During the timeslots formerly occupied by news, David saw a countdown clock with the slogan "It's About Time". On February 5, the newscasts resumed, with a new staff, new set, and new call letters. Anchors are from Baltimore and West Virginia; weather staff from Orlando and The Weather Channel.

Also in Birmingham, WABM [68] is among the Sinclair-owned stations that have dropped UPN and gone independent. UPN told the *Birmingham News* a new affiliate will definitely be signed - but there are no unaffiliated stations in the market at this time. David speculates WDBB [17] might pick up UPN when it moves to Bessemer. Could be. WDBB is actually already licensed to Bessemer, but the tower is still where it was when it was licensed to Tuscaloosa, and I would imagine the signal in most of Birmingham leaves a lot to be desired.

Chip Kelley, Texas:

Chip has noted the KMAZ [48] affiliation change in the program schedules in the El Paso newspaper. He says XHIJ is still Telemundo for the time being, operating parallel to KMAZ much of the day.

Two religious stations are adding more WB programs beyond the WB Kids material. KNLJ [25] and KWHB [47] are carrying some of the "less racy" programs -- "Nick Freno", "7th Heaven", etc. -- though not necessarily at the "right" times.

In Texas, KLDT [55] has finally lost its license, and a new station has taken over the channel. Confusingly. the new station is also using the calls KLDT, and the same transmitter.. Programming, however, <u>has</u> changed. "Family-oriented" syndicated programs are aired from 3:30pm to midnight, though PSN home shopping does still fill the rest of the day. Reports are that the shopping will go away when contracts expire.

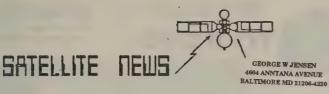
The owners of the new KLDT also own former all-news outlet KNWS [51] Katy/Houston, and the same programming changes have occurred at the Houston station. (in my opinion, a shame -- KNWS was an interesting & excellent service, though I'm sure also a very expensive one to operate.)

Frank Aden, Boise ID:

Idaho religious LPTV K22DX is now IDing as "KLCP". (the call letters in the FCC database have been changed to KCLP-LP). It's no longer 100% WorshipNet, but airs some old comedies like "Dobie Gillis". While looking up this call change, I was quite surprised to find an application has been filed to allocate channel 37 to Meridian, Idaho! (new members may not be aware, that FCC regulations prohibit the use of channel 37 by TV stations; it's been reserved for radio astronomy..)

Fernando Garcia, Monterrey NL:

One quick note from Mexico this month.. The XHGC [5] network has begun inserting a new logo "bug" during programming. A 5 inside a star with rounded tips is supered over the lower right of the screen. The logo is removed during commercials.



Here comes another barrage of various changes. First - Court TV and H-TV are no longer in the clear. Daystar on S3 - 13 is religious - not totally infomercials. On Satcom 3 - delete 15 - Showtime - East 583 - is not Atlantic Satellite color bars again - NOT Court TV Galaxy 5 - 24 - NOW Showtime - East - VC2 from C-3-15 Enik 2 - Ku-Band - digital 326 - ABC - West 327 - CBS - West Feed 362 - Global Network 359 - ?406 - Speed Vision 407 - The Golf Channel 431 - WGN - Chicago Arab Radio & Television 432 - WPIX - New York 433 - KTLA - Los Angeles 461 - Viewer's Choice Pay-Per-View previews 462 - WTN - Women's Television Network 680 - Playboy Channel 795 - new unknown 851 - Chinese programming GE 1 7 - WPCB - ch 40 - Greensburg/Pittsburgh - Cornerstone Television - Ch 40 has been sold to a commercial broadcaster - what happens to Cornerstone? digital 607 - Outdoor Life 820 - WSUR???? - Miami??? hard to ID - Caracol mentioned frequently - thought this was in Colombia? 821 - Pax Net - Catholic religious hispanic 822 - vacant 823 - KWKW - Los Angeles Galaxy 7 5 - delete Fox Net West digital Golf Channel - forgot channel ocops! 602 - The Food Network 603 - International Channel 801 - The Box - 2nd feed 805 - Country Music Television 806 - BET on Jazz GE 3 21 - now - Fox Sports World COURTROOM TELEVISION NETWORK 22 - delete Americas Collectibles on Ku - non-digital -19 and 24 - ID's as PBS digital???????

One last item on the 4DTV receiver. Sometime during the first week of February - another chunk of generic sat designators was downloaded - for both C and K-Bands. That's all for now - see you in 30.....'73's





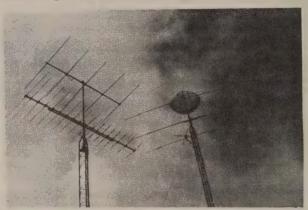


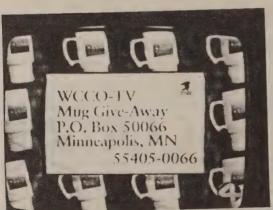
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Here's some photos from one of the DX masters, Jeff Kadet, Macomb, IL:

Equipment: Big Tower: Screened CM 7' dish @ 85' w/RDX Labs preamp, .500 hardline. Mosley ham tribander at 80'. Omnidirectional FM ant. at 75' w/.500 hardline. Small Tower: Cushcraft 5 el. 6M yagi @ 58', Delhi VIP-307 SR @ 48' w/RDX Labs preamp and RG-11.





K38CD-38 St. James, MN 310 mi Tr seen 8/25/97 @0153 CDT "xltr for WCCO-4 Minneapolis"



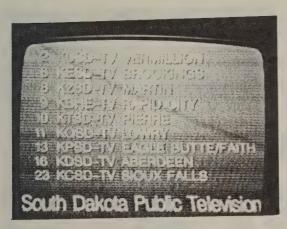




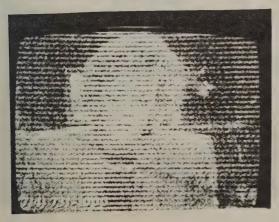




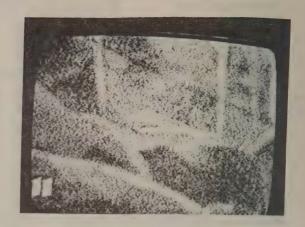
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KCSD-23 Sioux Falls, SD 368 mi Tr seen 8/25/97 @0159 CDT



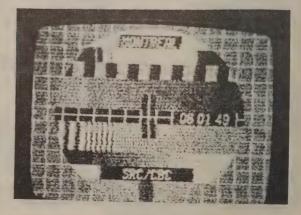
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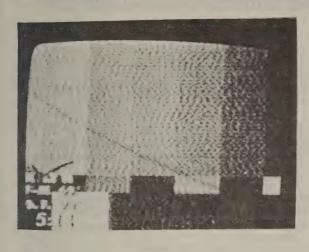


KVRR-15 Fargo, ND 525 mi Tr seen 8/25/97 @0456 CDT



K34DG-34 Willmar, MN 393 mi Tr seen 8/25/97 @0501 CDT





KVLY-11 Fargo, ND 578 mi Tr seen 8/25/97 @0516 CDT "Temps for Fargo-Moorhead and Grand Forks lower left"

More from Jeff next month.

Now some fantastic coastal Atlantic tropo from Roy Barstow, Teaticket, MA:

Equipment: 2 FUBA XC-391-D Yagi antennas, 30' AGL, Winegard PA-4975 preamp, .750 hardline, Tecknika tuner, 1970 Zenith set.



WUNU-31 Lumberton, NC 640 mi Tr seen 8/27/97 @0527 ET



WHMC-23 Conway, SC 702 mi Tr seen 8/27/97 @0530 ET

73's, Jeff



The Fourth Quarter Report

December 1997

With the 1997 elections, ANARC will have one new appointee, effective in 1998. George Zeller will take a seat on the Executive Board, with Mark Meece and Harold Cones receiving re-election to their respective seats.

Did you realize that there are two bills before the U.S. Congress that if passed will severely affect every radio hobbyist in the United States?? For more information about these two bills, how they will affect you, and how to help defeat them, you should check out this website address: www.bearcatl.com/alert.htm

ANARC acknowledged the loss of longtime radio hobbyist Arthur Cushen this year. Arthur brought an awareness of shortwave radio to not only the Pacific Rim, but to the entire world. We send our condolences to his wife Ralda and the entire Cushen family. Deceased, Arthur Cushen, MBE 1920-1997

Do you own a computer? ... on the internet? ... checked out the ANARC internet site?? Questions, questions. Here it is:

http://www.anarc.org

As a WTFDA member, do you know what ANARC does for you? ANARC does these things, and more:

- 1. It bridges the 17 member clubs together under one umbrella and promotes an interchange of ideas;
- 2. It speaks in behalf of the North American radio clubs to broadcasters, equipment manufacturers and dealers, the news media and the general public;
- It maintains a code of standards which may be adopted by and for individual radio clubs;
- 4. It maintains resources and provides support for large-scale hobby-wide projects.

Don't forget that the ANARC Executive Board will be holding its regular annual meeting at the Winter SWL Fest in March 1998, held in Kulpsville, PA.

Now that you've read the latest ANARC news, let me introduce myself. My name is Jim Thomas. Some of you know me. I was happy to host the 1996 WTFDA Convention in Estes Park, Colorado. Now I feel very privileged to represent your club, WTFDA, and to be affiliated with the Association of North American Radio Clubs. I thank the WTFDA executive board for having the confidence in me to carry out this position. If any members have a query about ANARC, would like me to convey information to the Executive Board of ANARC, or have comments, complaints or compliments, I am easily accessible. If you have e-mail access, send me your message at:

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If you would care to write me, note the address below. In either case, if you would like to talk to me by telephone, I will give you my toll-free 800 telephone number. Just send me a note, requesting my telephone number.

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Realistic TM-1001 tuner (two IF mod w/150 kHz filters) into Allied 426. 52 ohm step-attenuator box used to reduce local intermod/overload when needed. 6 element Archer antenna at 20' with rotor.

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|-------|--------|-------|-----|--|
| 1851 | XHBIO | 92.3 | JA | Guadalajara, local ad 690 |
| 10/28 | | | | |
| | KROE | 94.9 | | Sheridan, local ad 1153 |
| | KVOD | 92.5 | | Greeley, cx 817 |
| 1038 | KMGW | 94.5 | WY | Casper, local wx, "Star 94" |
| 4020 | KIQK | 104.1 | en. | 1012 Rapid City, k. "Kick-104" |
| 1039 | NICK | 104.1 | SU | 1038 |
| 1041 | KIGN | 97.9 | WY | Cheyenne, local ad, "King FM" |
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| 1051 | KLZY | 92.5 | WY | Powell, area ad 1189 |
| 1052 | KAAQ | 105.9 | NE | Alliance, k, ID 891 |
| | KTAK | 93.9 | | Riverton, local ad 1058 |
| 1054 | KXPK | 96.5 | CO | 3 |
| | | | | 817 |
| | KYGO | 98.5 | CO | |
| 1103 | KHIH | 95.7 | CO | Denver, "K-High," "Smooth Jazz" 803 |
| 1105 | KMTS | 99.1 | CO | Glenwood Springs, k, ID 855 |
| | KUMT | 105.7 | | Cenerville, "The Mountain" |
| | | | • | 1089 |
| 1120 | KZHT | 94.9 | UT | Provo, "ZHT" 1061 |
| | KBZN | 97.9 | UT | Ogden, area ad 1089 |
| | KJYE | 92.3 | CO | Grand Junction, local ad 880 |
| 1132 | KQSW | 96.5 | CO | Rock Springs, area ad, "Q-96," |
| 4450 | KNIAD | 1011 | 00 | k 1015 |
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| | KSHE | 94.7 | МО | Crestwood, area news 785 |

The Leonids, at least here, did not live up to the expectations of many who are hoping for the return in a few years of something like the 1966 "storm." 73, Pat - WA5IYX



1/11 Es 1630 KWGS 89.5 OK Tulsa, full ID, NPR 1631 KKLH 104.7 MO Marshfield, wx

| | 1634 | KISI | 101.9 | | Oklanoma City, k, Okc ads, |
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| | 4040 | V007 | 404 7 | | Twister" |
| | | KGOZ | | | Gallatin, "Z-101.7," wx, Hwy 36 |
| | | KLIR | 101.1 | | Columbus, "KLIR 101," wx |
| | | KCIY | 106.5 | | Liberty, calls |
| ı | | KZBZ | 104.9 | | Salina, calls, "Breezy 104.9" |
| | | KBLS | 102.5 | | North Fort Riley, "Sunny 102.5" |
| I | | KMTY | 97.7 | NE | Holdrege, calls, "Mighty 97" |
| ı | | KANZ | 91.1 | KS | Garden City, full ID, NPR |
| ı | | KTNE | 91.1 | NE | Alliance, full ID, NE public radio |
| ı | | KSCB | 107.5 | | Liberal, calls |
| | | KVAY | 105.7 | | Lamar, calls, EE-SS |
| ı | | KZLS | 107.9 | | Great Bend, calls |
| ı | 1716 | KHYM | 103.9 | KS | Copeland, calls, Christian |
| | | | | | Radio |
| i | | KCKK | 104.3 | | Longmont, area ads |
| ĺ | | KEXL | 106.7 | | Norfolk, calls, area ads |
| Į | | KIOS | 91.5 | NE | Omaha, NPR, wx |
| i | | KANU | 91.5 | KS | Lawrence, ID |
| ı | | KQKQ | 98.5 | IA | Council Bluffs, "Sweet 98" |
| ı | | KKCI | 102.5 | | Goodland, calls |
| Į | | KSOK | 107.9 | | Winfield, calls, wx, k |
| ı | | KFRX | 104.7 | | Lincoln, calls, area ads |
| i | | KATT | 100.5 | | Oklahoma City, "The Cat," r |
| ۱ | | KCUR | 89.3 | MO | Kansas City, calls, EE-SS |
| ı | | KBUZ | 90.3 | KS | Topeka, calls, Christian radio |
| i | | KMUW | 89.1 | | Wichita, full ID |
| Į | | KTGL | 92.9 | NE | Beatrice, ID, classic r, "Eagle" |
| ı | | KKRD | 107.3 | | Wichita, calls |
| ı | | KKQY | 101.9 | | Hill City, k, "Y-102" |
| ı | | KJCK | 94.5 | KS | Junction City, calls, area ads |
| ı | | WBYZ | 94.5 | GA | Baxley, calls |
| ĺ | | KYEZ | 93.7 | KS | Salina, k, "KY-94" |
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| i | | XHEO | 92.9 | YU | Merida, "Solidaridad" |
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from the Editor



Some great Es around tip here, but nothing up

the holidays! Had some skip here, but nothing up to FM.

Check out my new website, FM DX Web! It's devoted entirely to FM DXing, with lots of special features. It's still under construction, but I hope to have it up and running full steam by April 1. More on FM DX Web in the April VUD.

See v'all next month!

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DEADLINE: THE 5TH

LOG CUTOFF: 3 MOS. FROM POSTMARK

A small column this time around, but still better than last month's no-show (no reports were received). Looks like some of you have capatilized on an unusually high amount of off-season E-skip this winter (though many openings did got get above channel 6). The El Nino weather patterns also seem to have led to more trops being caught than during an average winter in the northern U.S. & Canada. Let's hear from you today! ...

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Equipment: Yamaha T-85 w/3-110 khz filter s. Also: Antenna: Channel Master 4408 (Stereo Probe

| 9, 35 feet HAAT) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1015 | WIKQ | 94.9 | TN | Greeneville, k | 015 | | | | | | |
| 1025 | WDEC | 94.7 | GA | Americus, Mix 94.7, 1 | 100 | | | | | | |
| 1031 | WHKZ | 96.7 | SC | Cayce, Kix 96, | 031 | | | | | | |
| 1037 | WFOX | 97.1 | GA | Gainsville, Fox 97, old 1 | 120 | | | | | | |
| 1039 | WHLZ | 92.5 | SC | Manning, Wheels | 926 | | | | | | |
| 1042 | WEAS | 93.1 | GA | Savannah, Jammin | | | | | | | |
| | E-93, url | ban | | 1 | 053 | | | | | | |
| 1046 | WICI | 94.7 | SC | Sumter | 925 | | | | | | |
| 1048 | WSTF | 97.9 | FL | St. Augustine, Star 97.9 | | | | | | | |
| | adult co | nt. | | 1: | 227 | | | | | | |
| 1050 | WDMG | 99.5 | GA | Douglas 1 | 199 | | | | | | |
| 1056 | WISK | 98.7 | GA | Americus 1 | 100 | | | | | | |
| 1058 | WNFB | 94.3 | FL | Lake City, Gators 1: | 246 | | | | | | |
| 1108 | WJCL | 96.5 | GA | Savannah, k,Kix 96-51 | 053 | | | | | | |
| 1118 | WDEN ' | 105.3 | GA | Macon, k 1 | 161 | | | | | | |
| 1124 | WEZL | 103.5 | SC | Charleston, Weasel 1 | 010 | | | | | | |
| 1126 | WYAK | 103.1 | SC | Surfside Bch, Y103 | 926 | | | | | | |
| 1134 | WZAT : | 102.1 | GA | Savannah, Z102,alt. 1 | 053 | | | | | | |
| 1137 | WQLC : | 102.1 | GA | Watertown, Power K10 | 2 | | | | | | |

| NOV. | 98 DX | continu | ıed | | |
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| 22 Tr | S | | | | |
| 1646 | WCVR | 102.1 | VT | Randolph, real cntry | 217 |
| DECE | MBER 1 | 997 D | K | | |
| 19 TR | S | | | | |
| 0900 | WPNH | 100.1 | NH | Plymouth, clas. rock | 168 |
| 29 Tr | | | | | |
| 0849 | WEQX | 102.7 | VT | Manchester, alt. | 252 |
| JANL | JARY 19 | 98 DX | | | |
| 25 Tr | S | | | | |
| 1024 | WKLI | 100.9 | NY | Albany, K100 | 223 |
| 1027 | WRNX | 100.9 | MA | Amherst, alt. | 149 |
| 1100 | WBYY | 98.7 | NH | Somersworth, The Bay | 129 |
| 30 Tr | | | | , | |
| 0918 | WRCI | 107.7 | NH | Hillsboro, I-93, AOR | 144 |



DAN CASHIN - 1335 HARRINGTON RD. - HAVERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 19083

Equipment: IF modified (5-150 khz), ST-G70 Technics tuner, Jerrold QFM-9 antenna LOCATION: Good hilltop near the intersection of PA Routes 3 & 320, in NE Havertown

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| RECEPTION REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| WPEB | 88.1 | PA | W. Philadelphia | | | | | | | |
| TLNW | 88.1 | NJ | Trenton | | | | | | | |
| WXPN | 88.5 | PA | Philadelphia | | | | | | | |
| WBZC | 88.9 | | Burlington | | | | | | | |
| WAJM | 88.9 | NJ | Atlantic City | | | | | | | |
| WWFM | 89.1 | NJ | Mercer | | | | | | | |
| WRDV | 89.3 | PA | Warminster | | | | | | | |
| WITF | 89.5 | PA | Harrisburg | | | | | | | |
| WDVR | 89.7 | NJ | Stockton | | | | | | | |
| WVIA | 89.9 | PA | Scranton-Wilkes-Barre | | | | | | | |
| WOEL | 89.9 | MD | Elkton | | | | | | | |
| WRTI | 90.1 | PA | Philadelphia | | | | | | | |
| WHYY | 90.9 | PA | Philadelphia | | | | | | | |
| WVUD | 91.3 | DE | Newark | | | | | | | |
| WESM | 91.3 | MD | Princess Anne | | | | | | | |
| WRTQ | 91.3 | NJ | Ocean City | | | | | | | |
| 22 ^{SR} | 91.3 | | Trenton | | | | | | | |
| 77 | | | | | | | | | | |

1151 WPCV 97.5 FL Lakeland, 97K, k

| 1 | WINTE | 91.5 | NY | New York |
|---|-------|------|----|--------------|
| | WKDU | 91.7 | PA | Philadelphia |
| 1 | WNTI | 91.9 | NJ | Hackettstown |
| | WVLT | 92.1 | NJ | Vineland |
| - | WARQ | 92.3 | MD | Baltimore |
| - | WXTU | 92.5 | PA | Philadelphia |
| i | WHTF | 92.7 | PA | Starview |
| | WMGS | 92.9 | PA | Wikes-Barre |
| - | WPOC | 93.1 | MD | Baltimore |
| ļ | WMMR | 93.3 | PA | Philadelphia |
| 1 | WSBG | 93.5 | PA | Stroudsburg |
| | WSTW | 93.7 | DE | Wilmington |
| į | WYSP | 94.1 | PA | Philadelphia |
| | WCHR | 94.5 | NJ | Trenton |
| | WDSD | 94.7 | DE | Dover |
| į | WRBT | 94.9 | PA | Harrisburg |
| | WZZO | 95.1 | PA | Bethlehem |
| | WXXM | 95.7 | PA | Harrisburg |
| | WLEV | 96.1 | PA | Easton |
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WRFY 102.5 PA Reading

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| WWDB | 96.5 | PA | Philadelphia | | 1 | WMGK | 102.9 | PA | Philadelphia |
| WLAN | 96.9 | PA | Lancaster | | | | | | Princeton |
| WBSS | 97.3 | NJ | Millville | | | | | | Jenkintown |
| WPST | 97.5 | NJ | Trenton | | | | | | Allentown |
| WOGL | 98.1 | PA | Philadelphia | | | | | | Philadelphia |
| | | | Philadelphia | | | | | | Egg Harbor City |
| | | | Wilmington | | | | | | Philadelphia |
| WODE | | | | | | | | | Philadelphia |
| WPLY | | | | | | | | | Baltimore |
| | | | Allentown | | | | | | |
| | | | Philadelphia | | | | | | Hershey |
| | | | | | | | | | Camden |
| | | | Trenton | | | | | | Philadelphia (WRDV 89.3) |
| WIOQ | 102.1 | PA | Philadelphia | | | WRYN | 107.5 | PA | Bovertown |

Dan also mentions that a new, small, FM outdoor antenna was reviewed in the December 97 issue of Stereophile, on page 175. Steve Stone, the reviewer, gave a thumbs up on the antenna. It is the FANFAR FM-2G Outdoor Antenna, 56", 5 oz., and is \$85.00 with a limited 1 yr. warranty. Have any WTFDAers tried this out, in comparison to a Probe 9, or other "traditional" FM outdoor antennas? The comapny's address is Fanfare - P.O. Box 455 - Buffalo, NY 14225-0455. Their fax is 1-716-683-5421. Their web address is http://www.fanfare.com, and their e-mail is info@fanfare.com. Dan also invites us all to the ANARC Winter SWL fest near Philadelphia. Information appeared in last month's FM NEWS. If you want to attend, better hurry: By the time you read this, it won't be too far ahead!

WBYN 107.5 PA Boyertown

WSNJ 107.7 NJ Bridgeton

WILLIAM R. HEPBURN - 35 LOCKWOOD RD. - BRAMPTON, ONTARIO L6Y 4T7

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hepburnw@total.net, Equipment : modified JVC RX-707V Receiver, CM VHF Yagi @ 47', 10 db RS

DECEMBER 1997

0025 WXM70 162.5 WV Spencer

NWR State College

// NWR Buffalo, ex-162.50,162.525

FEBRUARY 1998

03 TR

No routine tropo relogs under 473 miles.

NOVEMBER 1997

17 MS

0103 KFUO 99.1 MO Clayton D, prev AU 651 0407 KXKC 99.1 LA New Iberia, c/s, k mx 1139 18 TR

0046 CHRI 99.1 ON Ottawa Christian w/Overnight Show

0433 KTTS 94.7 MO Springfield, c/s

233 21 TR 2100 CKCB 95.1 ON Collingwood,"The Peak"

"The Peak" 24 MS

Tejano FM

| NWR now w/automated voice | | | | | | | |
|--|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 9 MS | | | | | | | |
| 1756 KOSU 91.7 OK Stillwater NPR | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma Public Radio | 1058 | | | | | | |
| 1759 KDTD 90.7 TX Plainview | 1341 | | | | | | |
| NPR, S NM/W TX mentioned | | | | | | | |
| 1808 KDGS 93.9 KS Andover, Wichita ment | 1008 | | | | | | |
| 1810 KGRW 94.7 TX Friona Latino relaying | ł | | | | | | |
| 104.3 Borger | 1400 | | | | | | |
| 15 TR | | | | | | | |
| 2134 CICZ 104.1 ON Midland, wx o/WHTT | 60 | | | | | | |
| 18 TR | | | | | | | |
| 0826 WWG51 162.45 PA Warren | | | | | | | |

1859 CBCM 107.5 ON Midland ssumed - CBC back on // CBCK 77 10 TR 0730 WWG., 162,425 NY Olean? 130







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WESTERN TV-DX

March 1998

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Dennis Park Smith, 3703 Dixon Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-2419 (805) 687-7803

This report is for January 1998. There was a little Es here in Santa Barbara, and coastal southern-CA tropo on TV-FM (San Diego/Tijuana, up to 200 mi) was better than usual for this time of year. Following are conditons by date (all on indoor rabbit ears and bow-tie).

| Jan. 1: | Morning, tropo fair; afternoon-night poor. |
|----------------|---|
| Jan. 2-17: | No tropo (rain Jan 2-3). |
| Jan. 8: | Es, ch. 2, 1720 to 1815 PST, only one station, Spanish, all novelas (soaps), at |
| | least one was XEW-2-net produced. |
| | No ID. |
| Jan. 11: | Es, ch. 2, noted 1900 to approx 1930, |
| | record offer, ID 1901 KMID Midland TX. Approx 1000 miles. |
| Jan. 17-21: | Out of town. |
| Jan. 22: | Tropo, rather suddenly good, afternoon |
| Jan. 23-24: | Tropo fair. |
| Jan. 25-26: | Tropo good. |
| Jan. 27: | Tropo fair and deteriorating. |
| Jan. 28: | Tropo poor. |
| Jan. 29: | No tropo (rainy conditions once again). |
| Jan. 30-Feb.1: | Out of town, but still unsettled, proba- |
| | bly no tropo. |

Best of DX to All. Dennis

William Eckberg, 1032 Sterling Rd., Dixon, IL 61021

| Innua | 400 | | | COT |
|-------|------|------|------------------|------|
| Janua | | | | CST |
| 07 tr | 1900 | KSAX | 42 MN | 404 |
| 08 tr | 0005 | KSAX | 42 MN | 404 |
| 10 Es | 1815 | KNAZ | 2 AZ | 1258 |
| 11 Es | 1825 | KENW | 3 NM | 912 |
| 15 Es | 2000 | KPRC | 2 TX | 893 |
| | 2005 | WEDU | 3 FL | 1031 |
| | 2100 | WBRZ | 2 LA | 784 |
| 27 tr | 1755 | KSAX | 42 MN | 404 |
| 31 tr | 0400 | WGKI | 33 MI Cadillac | 258 |
| | 0405 | WGKU | 45 MI Vanderbilt | 333 |
| | | | | |

Saw Es on four occasions in January. Twice more an unidentified Mexican ch 2 was in. January 1 and 15 openings were through ch. 6. January 15 was the most extensive, but I didn't notice it until 2000, just before it peaked through ch. 6.

Finally logged two Michigan educationals on January 31. They run parallel and were on all night. Opportunity to log two low kW stations.

Jeff Kruszka, 5024 S. Braxton Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70817

| January 199 | 28 | | CST |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | | 4 SS weak | 001 |
| 1 | | 36 GA ID | 455 |
| 2 11 0/24 | | 46 GA over local | 455 |
| 0707 | | 69 GA overlocal | 455 |
| | | | 400 |
| 7 Es 1757 8 Es 1756 | | ,, | |
| | | | E45 |
| | | 34 GA ID, like a local | 515 |
| | | 16 FL PBS, ID@2100 | 550 |
| | WKCF | | 575 |
| | unid | | |
| | | 40 FL ID, Sarasota ad | 555 |
| | | 28 FL ABC 28 | 550 |
| | | 44 FL overriding local WGMI | 3 230 |
| | | 41 GA NBC | |
| | | 65 FL logo lower right | 600 |
| 11 tr 0045 | | | 620 |
| | WBSF | | 660 |
| | | 52 FL ID | 645 |
| Es 1554 | | 4 TV Azteca | |
| | | 4 AZ ID | 1175 |
| | | 2 CHIH nulled out WB | RZ-2! |
| 1608 | KTVK | 3 AZ Pac-10 basketball gam | e1245 |
| 1619 | XEJ | 5 CHIH ID | 910 |
| 15 Es 1943 | unid | 3 CBS, 4 NBC and ABC | : |
| 17 Es 1230 | KTVK | 3 AZ "Rebecca's Garde | en", |
| | | 3 logo | 1245 |
| | KPHOt | 5 AZ CBS | |
| 18 Es 1022 | WRC | 4 DC ID, web address | 985 |
| | WTTG | 5 DC Fox | 985 |
| | KYW | 3 PA | 1120 |
| 1037 | WPVI | 6 PA ID, Action News ad | 1120 |
| 28 tr 2130 | KVDA | 60 TX ID | 445 |
| 2148 | KXAN | 36 TX NBC | 395 |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Not a bad month! A good mix of E-skip and tropo for what is normally a quiet month. I finally got my first new channel 6 in quite a while after fiddling with the "search" tuning on my TV. I tried to fix my FM overload problems on that channel with a couple of Channel Master FM traps, to no avail. But the E-skip was strong enough on the 18th to make it unnecessary.

Pat Dyer, WA5IYX, 5315 Silvertip Drive, San Antonio, TX 78228-2744 pjdyer3@juno.com

Western TV DX Pat Dyer's report begins

Equipment:

NEW JVC HR-J400U VCR, Winegard CA-5254 VHF at 18' AGL; Antennacraft Y5-2 5 element channel 2 Yagi at 11' AGL; Antennacraft P-5 chicken-wired dish at 25' AGL (to feedpoint). All on rotors and RG-6.

| January 1998 UT | C |
|---|---|
| 12 Es 1659 WTWO 2 IN Terre Haute | |
| 1759 WBTV 3 NC Charlotte | |
| 14 Es 0000 unIDs to Mexico through ch 4 | |
| 0031 XEW-TV net ch 2 VBI text cycling | |
| through 3 or 4 messages. | |
| 0044 XHAP 2 Acapulco ID supered on top | |
| | |

Remember that this "VBI Text" is not encoded material like closed caption, but rather readily seen when the VBI is brought into screen view. Ironically, when the signal is best, the frame will tend to synch lock and "hide" it!

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15 Es 2225 unIDs 2 to 4 Mexico, to SW
16 0025 still much the same as prior, no idents
0045 likely some US TV Es paths mixed in now
0100 ch 2-4 now to NE; fadesout ~0250
17 Es 0000 unIDs ch 2-4 into Mexico (SW)
VBI with "cycling" XEW-net texts
1655 ch 2,4
1700 KIDK 3 ID Idaho Falls
1900 KVBC 3 NV Las Vegas
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 1900 KVBC
 3 NV Las Vegas

 1900 KNAZ
 2 AZ Flagstaff

 1953 KTVK
 3 AZ Phoenix -2100

2329 KGAN 2 IA Cedar Rapids
18 Es 0016 WBBM 2 IL Chicago
19 Es 0115 unIDs Mexico

0230 unlDs to Ch 5 until 0330 February 1998

12 Es 0028 WFMY 2 NC Greensboro WBTV 3 NC Charlotte

FM DX as early as 2301Z (2/11), traces of TV Es remained to approx 0230Z.

Danny Oglethorpe, P.O. Box 6688, Shreveport, LA 71136-6688

| January 199 | 8 | | UTC |
|-------------|------|-----------|------|
| 08 Es 1925 | XHBS | 4 SIN/SON | |
| 2002 | KVOA | 4 AZ | 1004 |
| 2023 | KNAZ | 2 AZ | 1045 |
| 2020 | KPHO | 5 AZ | 1065 |
| 2345 | KASA | 2 NM | 753 |
| 11 Es 2238 | XHIT | 4 CHIH | 778 |
| 2259 | XHBS | 4 SIN/SON | |
| | KPHO | 5 AZ | 1065 |
| 2359 | KNAZ | 2 AZ | 1045 |
| 12 Es 0010 | XHG | 4 JAL | 1003 |
| 0040 | KTWO | 2 WY | 996 |
| 13 Es 2130 | XEWO | 2 AGS/JAL | |

| 14 Es 0145 | XHAGU | 2 AGS XEQ-9; ID0159 | 896 |
|------------|-------------|---------------------------|------|
| 15 Es 2258 | XHFM | 2 VER "Televisa Veracruz" | 950 |
| 16 Es 0100 | KGAN | 2 IA | 672 |
| | WUND | 2 NC | 1031 |
| 0128 | KTCA | 2 MN | 869 |
| 0220 | WMAR | 2 MD | 1072 |
| 0247 | WSJK | 2 TN "2/15" | 665 |
| 17 Es 1800 | KVOA | 4 AZ | 1004 |
| 1815 | KDBC | 4 TX | 746 |
| 18 tr 0725 | WXXV | 25 MS ID bars | 309 |
| | WMAH | 19 MS | 319 |
| 0730 | WLOX | 13 MS | 319 |
| Es 1532 | WUND | 2 NC Solid for an hour | 1031 |
| 1632 | WWAY | 3 NC Floating | 924 |
| | WECT | 6 NC Floating | 924 |
| 20 Es 0248 | WGRZ | 2 NY ID in bar | 1091 |
| 0315 | WJBK | 2 MI | 904 |
| 21 Es 0028 | YSR | 2 El Salvador | |
| | | "Tele Dos" News | 1324 |
| | | | |

Comments:

Had to replace the Centronics brand rotor that I purchased in 1996 from Grove. Replaced it with another Channel Master 9510A. The rotor from Grove was ruined because it leaked in rainwater.

Fernando Garcia, San Salvador 415, Rincon de la Sierra, Cd Guadalupe, NL, 67181 MEXICO

Equipment:

UTC

Sony KV-27EXR15,Screened CM 7'dish 85',RG11, UA900 amp. Sony KV-13TR27,CM 1110 30',CM 8 bay UHF array 60'.

1800' ASL, No re-logs in the same month, only tropo 500+ miles.

| January 10, 1998 | CST |
|--|-----|
| 2030 WNOL 38 LA New Orleans WB38 logo bt right | 694 |
| WLAE 32 LA New Orleans WLAE calls bt right | 694 |
| WGNO 26 LA New Orleans ABC 26 logo bt right | 694 |
| WCCL 49 LA New Orleans HSN | 688 |
| WUPL 54 LA Slidell UPN 54 | 705 |
| 2045 WPMI 15 AL Mobil NBC //KVEO-23 | 838 |
| KADN 15 LA Lafayette fighting, w/WPMI | 586 |
| WXXV 25 MS Guifport FOX | 764 |
| WVLA 33 LA Baton Rouge NBC | 633 |
| 2100 KADN-15 as local and \$ | |
| KVHP 29 LA Lake Charles FOX | 530 |
| January 11, 1998 | |
| 0145 WMPV 21 AL Mobile TBN | 842 |
| WEIQ 42 AL Mobile Educ., SAP | 825 |
| WMAH 19 MS Biloxi MS Educ. TV | 770 |
| 0745 KLPB 24 LA Lafayette LPB | 567 |
| WLPB 27 LA Baton Rouge LPB //ch 24 | 638 |
| 0800 WHBR 33 FL Pensacola under WVLA | 838 |
| WGBC 30 MS Meridian NBC News, ID | 834 |
| KLTL 18 LA Lake Charles //chs 24, 27 | 548 |
| WIIQ 41 AL Demopolis APT, Barney | 877 |
| 0830 WFSG 56 FL Panama City weak | 929 |
| WPAN 53 FL Fort Walton B. Rel, later Shopping | 869 |

Western TV DX F. Garcia's report continues

| 0900 To my surprise at this time WLAE | -32 |
|--|--------|
| carries a Religious program in Spa | |
| 0945 WMDN 24 MS Meridian PMK o/u KLPB | 834 |
| WDBD 40 MS Jackson FOX, This Week | |
| 2015 KETK 56 TX Jacksonville NBC | 532 |
| KMSS 33 LA Shreveport \$, FOX, call | |
| KLTS 24 LA Shreveport LPB | 616 |
| KFXK 51 TX Longview FOX, weak | 557 |
| 2130 KXTX 39 TX Dallas weak | 518 |
| KDTX 58 TX Dallas TBN | 518 |
| | 310 |
| January 16, 1998 | |
| 1930 New Orleans 26, 32, 38, 49 2030 WFTX 36 FL Cape Coral | |
| | 4442 |
| FOX //XHFOX-17 east in color briefly | 1142 |
| At this time New Orleans signals are gone | |
| extremely weak signal on chs 38 and 50 to | o east |
| January 17, 1998 | 700 |
| 1445 XHDH 11 YU Merida \$, //XHDF-13 | 780 |
| 1500 XHTP 9 YU Merida //XEW-2 | 780 |
| XHST 13 YU Merida ID, TV13, Educ. | 780 |
| I found this opening when I was trying to | get |
| some Es skip on FM as chs 2-5 shows Es DX | |
| to nw, FM's from Merida in via tropo | |
| 1900 Southwest LA | |
| 1930 XHMEY 7 YU Merida o/u local | ?? |
| 2130 N. Orleans, B. Rouge, Biloxi, Mobile | |
| 2200 K46DG 46 LA Lafayette | 587 |
| January 18, 1998 | |
| 0130 Opening continues same paths and now | |
| extending up to ne TX | |
| KLAX 31 LA Alexandria Shopping | 618 |
| K66FI 66 LA Opelousas TBN | 599 |
| KLFT-LP 21LA Lafayette VJN | 592 |
| 0530 WIIQ 41 AL Demopolis | 877 |
| K39EL 39 TX Laredo Rel. SS-EE | 131 |
| After many days of trying to get an ID, fin | |
| saw superimposed calls when signal picket | |
| 0545 K56DR 56 LA Baton Rouge TBN // KLUJ-4 | |
| K55HA 55 LA New Iberia //K46DG | 596 |
| 0600 K46CR 46 LA Baton Rouge VJN, o/u K46DG | 645 |
| K69HD 69 LA Church Point | 586 |
| 0615 WHOA 32 AL Montgomery ABC, o/u WLAE | 928 |
| WGMB 44 LA Baton Rouge o/u KLUJ | 633 |
| 0630 K30EMt30 LA Houma Wall Street Journal | 000 |
| 0715 KLAF-LP62LA Opelousas //chs 46, 55 | 600 |
| Opening from Yucatan is still productive | 000 |
| 0920 M/LNO 20 1 A New Oders But N Oders But | 600 |
| 0830 WHNO 20 LA New Orleans Rel., N. Orleans Ph. 0900 W36AC 36 MS Mccomb TBN | 710 |
| | . / 10 |
| 1000 K49DE 49 LA New Iberia TBN, | 500 |
| splashing WCCL | 596 |
| January 19, 1998 | |
| 2000 K32ERt32 TX McAllen //K30FF, K67HC | 4446 |
| 2100 WBHS 50 FL Tampa HSN, \$ at 2115 | 1116 |
| 2130 WTTA 38 FL St Petersburg \$, Full ID, SAP | 1116 |
| WWWB32 FL Lakeland Bay Watch, \$ | 1135 |
| 2200 WTVT 13 FL Tampa FOX 13, SAP=WX | 1117 |
| temperature 55, humidity96%,barometer= | |
| 2215 W56CN56 FL Venice Shopping1-800-379-3298 | 1106 |
| | |

| January 20, 1998 |
|--|
| 0100 WBSV 62 FL Venice Shop at Home 1107 |
| 0115 Southwest LA |
| 0130 WFTS 28 FL Tampa loc. out, \$, full ID 1116 |
| 0445 KFWD 52 TX Fort Worth Test Pattern 522 |
| This opening to north TX marked the 600th day |
| with tropo opening to Texas (500+ miles) since first |
| log in July of 1991. No Florida DX at this time |
| 0500 KINZ 68 TX Arlington Shop at Home 518 |
| KERA 13 TX Dallas ID Bars 518 |
| 0515 KDFI 27 TX Dallas floating calls wKLDO 518 |
| KHSX 49 TX Irving HSN 518 |
| KLDT 55 TX Lake Dallas Shopping 544 |
| 0530 KWHB 47 OK Tulsa Full ID 765 |
| Television with a Family Vision |
| 0537 KXAN 36, temperature 50, humidity100%, |
| barometer=29.91 |
| 0545 South and Central LA picking up |
| 0600 WUSF 16 FL Tampa SAP dif. of MAIN 1116 |
| Florida UHF's returned |
| WTOG 44 FL St. Petersburg o/u KLUJ 1116 |
| 0615 WGCU 30 FL Fort Myers \$, o/u KLUJ K30FF 1144 |
| WBBH 20 FL Fort Myers \$, 000 REC2, wx 1144 |
| WWSB 40 FL Sarasota \$, area news 1108 |
| 0645 WRBW 65 FL Orlando 65 logo bt right 1192 |
| WBSF 43 FL Melbourne HSN //WBHS-50 1200 |
| WTGL 52 FL Cocoa Rel. 1200 |
| WBCC 68 FL Cocoa Educ. 1200 |
| |
| WACX 55 FL Leesburg \$, Rel. 1180 WMFE 24 FL Orlando SAP dif. of MAIN 1191 |
| WKCF 18 FL Clermont 1192 |
| WOFL 35 FL Orlando FOX // WFTX-36 1191 |
| 0700 WXEL 42 FL West Palm B.Full ID, \$, blasting in 1238 |
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| WRMD-LP 57 FLTampa Spanish 1104 0715 W52CN52 FL Port CharlotteTBN o/u W??? 1126 |
| WRXY 49 FL Tice 1142 |
| |
| 0730 Had to leave |
| January 28, 1998 |
| 0530 Southwest LA |
| 2200 New Orleans 26, 32, 38 |
| January 29, 1998 |
| 0300 Gulf opening extending up to N. Orleans, B. |
| Rouge and coast MS |
| 0530 dead conditions |
| January 30, 1998 |

This seems to be new local lptv station, this will ruin my DX on this channel. I'll have to say good bye to semi-local KRGV in Weslaco, TX and also Es skip DX barometer to check FM band

1900 ch 5 strong, with unid bars to n-nw,

Best opening was Jan. 20 with strong signals from central and south Florida.

After a bad 1997 for tropo I can't wait to get into Spring tropo openings.

73 Fernando

EASTERN TV DX

March, 1998

Russell Miller HC 61, Box 86B N. Amity, ME 04471-9622 email address - estvdx@ainop.com

LOCAL TIME UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

January 5th meteor shower produced for Bob Seybold thru Channel 20! I have seen bursts as high as CH-49 with a TV set (Buffalo or Saginaw TBN - not L.S.) but no more than one burst a week on UHF. To see what Bob Seybold witnessed is quite inspiring. I wonder if Digital TV will be conducive to UHF meteor scatter with its clear picture at weak signal levels.

Bob Seybold 1865 W. Main Rd., Silver Creek, NY 14136

November, 1997

27 Es 0100-0200

| WBRZ | 2 | LA | Baton Rouge | | | |
|-----------------|---|----|-------------|--|--|--|
| KTBSTV | 3 | LA | Shreveport | | | |
| WWLTV | 4 | LA | New Orleans | | | |
| KJRH | 2 | OK | Tulsa | | | |
| KSNW | 3 | KS | Wichita | | | |
| and other UNIDS | | | | | | |

December, 1997

09 Es 1800-1900

KPRC

| KBTXTV | 3 | TX | Bryan | |
|--------|---|----|---------|--|
| KDFWTV | 4 | TX | Dallas | |
| WLBTTV | 3 | MS | Jackson | |
|)-1830 | | | | |

2 TX Houston

2 OK Tulsa

10 Es 1600-1830 KJRH

| KNOPTV | 2 | NE | North Platte |
|--------|---|----|--------------|
| KSNC | 2 | KS | Great Bend |
| KSNW | 3 | KS | Wichita |
| WBRZ | 2 | LA | Baton Rouge |

11 Es 1900-1945

| WLBTTV | 3 | MS | Jackson |
|--------|---|----|-------------|
| KARKTV | 4 | AR | Little rock |
| KDTN | 2 | TX | Denton |

15 IL

Champaign

15 Tr 0300-0800

WICD

WWHO

| VVAND | 17 | IL. | Decatur |
|--------|----|-----|-------------|
| WBXX | 20 | TN | Knoxville |
| KDNLTV | 30 | MO | St. Louis |
| WHSL | 46 | MO | St. Louis |
| WFIETV | 14 | IN | Evansville |
| WEVV | 44 | IN | Evansville |
| WLEXTV | 18 | KY | Lexington |
| WTVQTV | 36 | KY | Lexington |
| WHOI | 19 | IL | Peoria |
| WMBDTV | 31 | IL | Peoria |
| WICS | 20 | IL | Springfield |
| WLFITV | 18 | IN | Lafayette |
| WOSUTV | 34 | ОН | Columbus |

53 OH Chillicothe

WPBOTV 42 OH Portsmouth

January, 1998 05 MS All Evening

KTBS 3 LA Shreveport
KATC 3 LA Lafayette
WPMI 15 AL Mobile
KADN 15 LA Lafayette
WHNO 20 LA New Orleans

Comments: Jan. 5th meteor scatter. Frequent MS bursts on channels 3 and 8, only open VHF channels. Also, another unid on 20 and indications on 16, 18, and 21. No evidence of Es or Trops on this date. (Nice going Bob! I'd love to see your equipment list. RM)

Roy Barstow P. O. Box 2488, Teaticket, MA 02536

Equipment: For M.S. Winegard Model CC-3123 2 10 El. Ants. cut for Ch-2-3- 1 Ant. Fixed, 1 Ant. moveable, 15' above ground, Titan II Amp, Cheap Co-Ax

December, 1997

| 02 T- | 1000 | 2200 | | | |
|-------|-------|-------------|----|------|---------|
| 03 Tr | 1900- | | | | |
| | | WUNM | | NC | 577 |
| | | WUNJ | 39 | NC | 660 |
| | | WSFX | 26 | NC | 660 |
| | | W45BG | 45 | VA | 455 |
| | | W36BK | 36 | VA | 400 |
| | | WVEC | 13 | VA | 455 |
| | | + 15,27,33, | 43 | VA | 455 |
| 08 Es | 2330 | CITO | 3 | ON | 706 |
| 09 Es | 0000 | CHBX | 2 | ON | 763 |
| | 0015 | KDLH | 3 | MN | 1120 |
| | 0030 | CKPR | 2 | ON | 1018 |
| | 1230- | 1600 | | | |
| | | WTWO | 2 | IN | 895 |
| | | KOET | 3 | OK | 1403 |
| | | KARK | 4 | AR | 1272 |
| | | WTVF | 5 | TN | 941 |
| | | WCBI | 4 | MS | 1132 |
| | | WJXT | 4 | FL | 990 |
| | | WEDU | 3 | FL | 1153 |
| 10 Es | 1030- | 1630 | | | |
| | | WEAR | 3 | FL . | 1209 |
| | | WWL | 4 | LA | 1349 |
| | | WBBM | 2 | IL | 875 |
| | | WCIA | 3 | IL | 936 |
| 11 Es | 2215 | | 2 | MO | 1063 |
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| 13 Ms | 0410 | WSIL | 3 | IL | 3/4 CB | 1007 |
|--------|---------|-----------------------|-----|------|------------|------|
| | 0425 | WCIA | 3 | IL | 3/4 CB | 936 |
| 16 Tr | 2000 | WQAV | 34 | NJ | | 240 |
| 17 Tr | 0015 | W36BK | 36 | VA | | 400 |
| | | W36BJ | 36 | NJ | | 240 |
| | | WWAC | 53 | NJ | | 240 |
| | 0030 | W45BG | 45 | VA | | 455 |
| | | W52AB | 52 | VA | | 410 |
| | | W23BA | 23 | NJ | | 188 |
| | | W63AM | 63 | VA | | 410 |
| 17 Tr | 0800 | W19BM | 19 | VA | | 455 |
| | | W24BI | 24 | VA | | 455 |
| | | WYDO | 14 | NC | | 562 |
| 27 Es | 2000 | WPBT | 2 | FL | | 1209 |
| | 2015 | WEDU | 3 | FL | | 1153 |
| | 2210 | CUBA | 2 | T | | |
| | 2245 | CUBA | 3 | | | 1470 |
| | | TELE RE | BEL | DE | | |
| | 2300 | WTVJ | 4 | FL | | 1206 |
| 28 Es | 1920 | KTBS | 3 | LA | | 1416 |
| | 2210 | WESH | 2 | FL | | 1059 |
| 29 Es | 1710 | KIMT | 3 | IA | | 1035 |
| | 1730 | WOIT | 5 | IA | | 1182 |
| | | WJMN | 3 | Mi | | 870 |
| Ms | 2053 | WWAY | 3 | NC | | 660 |
| 30 Es | 1030 | WDIQ | 2 | AL | | 1112 |
| | | WEAR | 3 | FL | | 1209 |
| | 2015 | WTWO | 2 | IN | | 895 |
| | 2030 | KCTV | 5 | MO | | 1269 |
| | | | | | | |
| Januar | ry, 199 | 8 | | | | |
| 02 Ms | 0110 | KYW | 3 | PA | R/S | 265 |
| | 0126 | WRCB | 3 | TN | R/S | 909 |
| | 0558 | WBTV | 3 | NC | R/S | 715 |
| 07 Ms | 0045 | WREG | 3 | TN | R/S | 1127 |
| | 0300 | WRBL | 3 | GA | R/S | 1007 |
| 08 Ms | 0100 | WEDU | 3 | FL | | 1153 |
| | 0140 | WUNC | 4 | NC | 3/4 CB | 607 |
| | 0634 | WSAV | 3 | GA | R/S | 883 |
| | | Promo for | | | | |
| 10 Ms | | WCIA | 3 | IL | 3/4 CB | 936 |
| 11 Ms | 0235 | WSIL | 3 | IL | 3/4 CB | 1007 |
| | 0540 | WWAY | 3 | NC | 3/4 CB | 660 |
| 12 Ms | 0336 | WSAV | 3 | GA | R/S | 883 |
| 14 Ms | 0512 | WWAY | 3 | NC | 3/4 CB | 660 |
| 40.5 | 0523 | WBTV | 3 | NC | R/S | 715 |
| 16 Es | 2245 | KYTV | 3 | MO | | 1226 |
| | 2300 | WREG | 3 | TN | | 1127 |
| | | KTVO | 3 | MO | | 1118 |
| 17 Gw | | WBPX | 46 | MA | | |
| | 0040 | Call Chan | | | | |
| MS | 0242 | WSIL | 3 | IL | 3/4 CB | 1007 |
| | 0350 | WCIA | 3 | IL. | 3/4 CB | 936 |
| | 0455 | - Add-to the terminal | | Inid | R/S | |
| 40.85- | | | | | naybe WISC | ?RM) |
| 19 Ms | 0107 | CITO | 3 | ON | 1 | |
| | 0454 | BBS-MCT | | | | |
| 04.11 | 0451 | WAVE | 3 | KY | | |
| 21 Ms | 0505 | WCIA | 3 | IL | | 936 |
| | | News | | | | |

The last time I tried Ms, the VCR was yet to be invented. Willis Monk, Hi.

Not only does KYW PA come in, but also WFSB-3-CT at 114 miles in also on Ms. It takes me from 30 min. to 2 hrs. to review a tape. If the channel is open, one can zip through in 30 min. Every tape I get hits on it, but most are from 24 hr. stations. Out of 12 Ms tapes reviewed, there was Es on about 4 or 5 of them. And this Es comes up for about 10 seconds or more and quits. Also, on a good Ms burst, you may receive 2 or more stations. These long Ms bursts that produce many stations at once acts very similar to the quick Es that comes in at times.

On most VCR's going from frame to frame, a three in a logo will change shape. I have a tree in front of one of my ants and I will get 2 or 3 frames of an ID and next 2 frames zilch and then maybe 1 to 3 frames later. So a clear horizon will net better results, My house roof now is full of ants and my wife now calls me, "The Tin Man."

Roy, could the "zilched" frames be caused by a slow polarization shift? ("Slow" compared to the extremely fast shift of circular polarization.) RM

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Equipment: Panasonic 19" TV; CM Quantum 1110 VHF at 30ft; Antennacraft P-7 UHF dish w/ Winegard PA-4975 preamp at 38 ft (feedpoint); Alliance HD-73 rotor; RG-8 coax; Hi-Q traps for high-band VHF plus UHF (still need low-band VHF model!)

| Noven | nber, 1 | 997 new | trop (E | ST) | |
|-------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|-----|
| 07 | 1425 | WUXP | 30 | TN | 217 |
| | | (local | off-air) | | |
| 18 | 0756 | WBXX | 20 | TN | 146 |
| 27 | 0918 | WJWJ | 16 | SC | 222 |
| | 0924 | WHNT | 19 | AL | 143 |
| | 1000 | WOWL | 15 | AL | 209 |
| | | | | | |
| Decen | ber, 1 | 997 new | trop (E | ST) | |
| 09 | 2048 | WABM | 68 | AL | 154 |
| | 2055 | WJSU | 40 | AL | 93 |
| | | (audio | over lo | cal LPT\ | /) |
| 10 | 0735 | WHIQ | 25 | AL | 143 |
| | | | | | |
| Janua | ry, 199 | 8 new tro | p (EST |) | |
| 18 | 1237 | WZDX | 54 | AL | 139 |
| | | | | | |

Slow season for DX. Saw no skip last year (first year since '73). Hope '98 is an improvement. 135 loggings since August. Only two openings of interest, both in October. It took four weeks to log 100 stations, five YEARS to get that many on my first log.

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Equipment: Panasonic PC-29XF40R TV & Icom IC-R100 Scanner, CM VHF & UHF Yagis @ 47', 10 db RS VHF & 28 db Anteco UHF amps

| No routine tropo relogs under 473 miles - EST | 1 16 Es 1717 muf 3 |
|---|----------------------------|
| The realing trope to age and the times 20. | 1727 WESH 2 FL 1020 |
| October, 1997 | 30 Es 2105 KQTV 2 (KS) 819 |
| 12 Tr 0038 WSYX 6 OH T | KSNW 3 KS 1011 |
| 0141 WWMT 3 MI T | 2106 KTVI 2 MO 655 |
| 28 Es 0221 WESH 2 FL 1020 | KJRH 2 OK 992 |
| 0416 muf 5 | 2110 KFOR 4 OK 1093 |
| | 2116 KSNC 2 KS 1051 |
| December, 1997 | 2118 KOET 3 OK T |
| 02 Tr 2144 WHIO 7 OH 356 | |
| Dayton (CBS u/WKBW) | January, 1998 |
| 2217 WCHS 8 WV 380 | 08 Es 2200 muf 3 WSW |
| Charleston-Huntington (ABC +offset) | 12 Es 1858 KUSD 2 SD 854 |
| *NEW VHF-HI RECORD* | 1916 KSNB 4 NE 963 |
| 03 Tr 0025 WSFJ 51 OH 290 | 1917 KGAN 2 IA 619 |
| (now w/Worship) | 1941 KNOP 2 NE 1079 |
| 08 Es 2344 muf 2 | KMTV 3 NE 842 |
| 09 Es 1725 KSNC 2 KS 1051 | 1943 KLNE 3 NE 1033 |
| 1727 KSWK 3 KS 1183 | 2000 KQTV 2 (KS) 819 |
| 1728 KAMR 4 TX 1305 | 2011 muf 6 |
| 1804 KFOR 4 OK 1093 | 2031 KPRY-4 or KLBY-4 |
| 09 Es 1810 muf 94.7 | 19 Es 2117 muf 4 SSW |
| 1826 KWGN 2 CO 1335 | |
| 1829 KDTN 2 TX 1203 | |
| 1834 <u>KMID</u> 2 TX 1457 | Editors Report |
| Midland-Odessa (ABC Nx) | |
| 1847 KSNW 3 KS 1011 | January, 1998 |
| 1858 KDFW 4 TX 1204 | 12 Es 0712 WJBK 2 MI 792 |
| 1927 KJRH 2 OK 992 | 1856 WBAY 2 WI 985 |
| 10 Es 1533 WBRZ 2 LA 1115 | 1917 KGAN 2 IA 1214 |
| 1534 WMAB 2 MS 873 | 2002 WTWO 2 IN 1086 |
| 1539 muf 4 | 16 Es 2100 WUND 2 NC 816 |
| 11 Es 1933 muf 4 | 2102 WWAY 3 NC 966 |
| 1937 CBHT 3 NS T | 2121 WUNC 4 NC 904 |
| 1957 CJCH5 2 NS 856 | 2218 WCBD 2 SC 1111 |
| Sheet Harbour (ATV +offset) | 2220 WJXT 4 FL 1311 |
| | |

| | Dich Diem | PARABOLI | IC DISH GAIN | | |
|---------|-----------|---------------|--------------|------|------|
| | DISH DIAM | ieter in Feet | | | |
| Channel | 5 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 16 |
| 14 | 15 | 17.9 | 21 | 22.5 | 25 |
| 42 | 17.6 | 20.5 | 23.6 | 25 | 27.7 |
| 69 | 19.5 | 22.5 | 25.5 | 27 | 29.6 |

Gain in dbi with 55% reflector efficiency subtract 2.1 db for gain over a simple dipole (dbd). Add 2.6 db for improbable 100% reflector efficiency. Remember - double your power adds 3 db — lose half your power results in a 3db loss. 1 db is barely noticable.

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|---------|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| | Dish Dia | meter in Feet | | | |
| Channel | 5 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 16 |
| 14 | 29° | 21° | 15° | 12° | 9° |
| 42 | 22° | 15° | 11° | 9° | 7° |
| 69 | 17° | 12° | 9° | 7° | 5° |

Approximate Beamwidths at half power points (minus 3dbs) Note: A 30' dish on Ch-69 would have a half power beamwidth of less than 3°!

Halfpower Beamwith = <u>70X wavelength</u> (in feet) Dish Diameter



FORTY TWO YEARS IN BROADCASTING

(Your editor reflects on his career and the remarkable changes in radio & tv.)

It doesn't seem possible!

Was it really 42 years ago that a skinny kid named Tom Bryant managed to shoehorn his way into a job at KFYR-tv? It was indeed!

Now, in 1998, that 15 year old upstart is scaring the heck out of 58; and by the time you read this will have retired from WSM after 30+ years with the station.

Of course everything changes with time...some things more than others. Radio, in many respects was slow to change; in fact during its first 25 years there were very few advances.

By the time I hopped aboard, radio was almost 35. Reel-to-reel tape recorders had been in common use for less than 10 years. Cartridge tape machines wouldn't show up for 4 more years...cassettes even later. There were no 8-tracks. Stereo broadcasting didn't exist.

Network feeds (for radio) were delivered via the AT&T 'long lines' division

33 1/3 and 45 rpm vinyl discs had just displaced the venerable 78's!

Digital? What's that? Gigabytes? You gotta be kidding!

Satellites? CDs? DATs? Never heard of them either!

In TV-land tubes and transformers ruled the roost. Transistors, printed circuit boards and their successors were still in their infancy. Most equipment was as big as a barn and weighed a ton.

Black and white images were scanned by iconoscope, vidicon, and image orthicon tubes. RCA's color system was barely out of the cradle.

Speaking of RCA...in broadcast circles those three letters were tantamount to deity. Anything less was considered second-rate.

Videotape hadn't been perfected, thus almost everything aired was live. Filmed programs were expensive and used only sparingly by the networks. Kinescope copies of live shows brought programming to stations not yet hooked up to a network.

The hazards of live television were endless and many of the tales of 'live' foul-ups are legendary.

The mid 1950s was an exciting time to be in broadcasting. While everyone knew that incredible new technologies were on the horizon, few could even begin to dream of what the future held.

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FM at this point in time was a toy of sorts for the few owners who were willing to spend the money to operate a transmitter. In an attempt to cater to wealthy potential advertisers most stations programmed classical music. Construction permits were more or less up for grabs...just write the FCC a letter asking for one...and you'd probably get it! But...who in their right mind would want one?

There were few FM receivers, and people were satisfied with AM to the extent that they weren't about to spend a penny for a radio that, in most markets, would only pick up one or two stations.

AM experts felt that their competitive enemy was television; and few (if any) had a clue that in surprisingly few years FM would begin to run them into bankruptcy or off the air completely. TV meanwhile, created its own niche and never had much effect on radio other than to drive it away from block programming (such as soap operas and mysteries) and toward top 40 and other more diversified formats.

So, at this point, you have a rather generalized scenario of where AM, FM and TV were poised about 40 years ago...and the floodgates are about to be lifted.

Two-way microwave relay systems connect the nation. It is possible to do a split-screen with an image of the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco on the left side and the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor on the right.

Color telecasts catch the attention of everyone. In spite of astronomical prices, people buy color sets in mind-boggling quantities.

Videotape improves picture quality. So does the newly developed transistorized equipment. Television is coming of age.

The popularity of FM broadcasting begins to spread like wildfire. Innovative programmers have begun to replace 'elevator music' formats with rock and roll...and the clarity of stereophonic FM sound literally captures the kids! FM is on its rise to the top of the heap. AM, for the most part, has buried its head in the sand believing it is invincible.

Technological changes come so rapidly that it's impossible to keep up.

Local cable systems and satellite distribution of programming change the fabric of the delivery system.

The introduction of computers literally turns the industry upside down. Everything changes .. billing .. research .. editing .. telephones .. logging .. news prep .. robotics .. control consoles .. you name it...........

Rule changes have made their mark as well. LMAs, ownership of multiple stations in a market, control of broadcast policymaking being turned over to 'bean-counters' and a myriad of other legal, technical, and philosophical changes may not manifest their full impact for years.

For a relatively young industry the transformation has been nothing less than astounding.

And...the future? We can only watch and listen in amazement as the whirlwind of change continues. As an observer rather than a participant, I think I'll enjoy it immensely.

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GET READY FOR AURORAL DX!

by Bill Thompson

By now, you've likely heard the good news. Not only is sunspot activityon the rise, but it's rising rapidly, and the upcoming peak, to come sometime in the 2000-2001 period, promises to be a good one for the VHF DX enthusiast. It could well mean that there will be one last opportunity for the TV DXer to catch lowband TV signals propagated via F2 skip, possibly in the form of a few interesting transcontinental DX loggings, and maybe some trans-oceanic TV DX as well. But--you may not have been thinking about a more likely DX opportunity for you that's also the result if elevated sunspot activity. In fact, March is the peak month for this somewhat-less-exotic but nonetheless very exciting DX propagation mode--aurora!

Aurora DX activity can of course take place any time of the year—but it is most likely to happen around the time of the spring and fall equinoxes. Some of the more memorable DX-producing auroral sessions take place at night at this time of the year, usually plus or minus two weeks from the first day of spring. March auroral activity often comes at time when DXers most welcome it--after those long winter "DX doldrums."

Auroral signals are VERYdifferent from other types of propagation, and therefore quite distinctive. They will usually peak in strength from the northwest, due north (though not as often as you might think) and the northeast. What you are getting, though, actually may be east, west, or even SOUTH of you.

This is a type of skip propagation, but it actually behaves far more like scatter than the "mirror-like" quality of E-skip. What actually is taking place is a wildly unstable (in terms of maximum usable frequency as well as the stability of the reflecting surface itself) type of signal reflection, from the aurora borealis. The borealis is visible to the naked eye under the proper conditions—when it is easily seen, it is of course popularly known as the "Northern Lights." If you've never seen it before, it's a very impressive sight, shimmering and glowing, and even changing its flourescent colors, not unlike a giant luminous "curtain" that spans the northern horizon. Depending upon how far north you are, it may appear to be overhead.

The auroral DX mode has been observed by TV and FM DXers since the 1950's. While TV DX loggings have been made, they are very rare, and usually involved using the TV audio to make a positive ID, rather than paying attention to the video, which is badly garbled into video "hash" by the wildly varying signal. The fact that a TV video carrier uses amplitude modulation doesn't help; FM signals survive the wild trip through the auroral curtain in much better condition, so its no surprise that FM DXers have found considerably more success with this exotic DX mode.

Although distances of up to over 1200 miles, (2000 km or so) are possible via the auroral DX mode, the typical auroral FM or TV logging seems to be in the 300 to 800 mile rang. Remember, however, that were talking about the straight line distance here; actually, the path that the signal takes is hardly a straight line, because the auroral curtain involved is usually well to the north of both the DX station and the DXer.

GET READY FOR AURORAL DX!

Auroral DX openings are dependent upon solar flare activity levels. As we approach peak sunspot activity, flares become more numerous and "energetic." During the larger solar storms that are more commonplace in high activity years, streams of high-energy protons and electrons are ejected from the Sun in increasingly larger amounts. Earth's magnetic field attracts these particles, and the result is highly energized ionization. The interaction with gases in that region of the ionosphere - actually in the vicinity of our beloved "E" layer - produces the visual "fireworks" we know as the Northern Lights. That same ionization is busy also reflecting DX signals. Interestingly, the intensity of the visual display doesn't always correlate to what's actually happening on the TV and FM bands, DXwise.

In general, northerly locations get into more auroral openings than most other regions. Good openings have been noted in the southern U.S. during peak years. In fact, visual displays of Northern Lights have been seen as far south as the Carolinas and Florida, but only very rarely. "Hot spots" of good auroral DX opportunities are places such as western Canada, the northwest U.S., Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, northern Michigan, northern New England, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime provinces. Because of the way that the geomagnetic latitude lines "warp" across North America, there are some interesting variations in activity. Thus, it is possible to have two places on the same latitude a thousand miles apart or so, one having many auroral openings, the other one rarely ever experiencing it!

It's a good idea to keep your TV and FM antennas pointed north this month, if you hope to get into auroral DX. A good log or yagi-type antenna is a must for decent results. Anything from one of Radio Shack's 6-element basic FM antennas to a stack of Stereoprobes will do; if your tuner is good enough to be able to log meteor scatter DX, then you're ready to catch some aurora. One sign that auroral conditions are "up" is the appearance of weak bands of "hash" lines on lowband TV starting to peak generally towards the north, sometimes reaching into highband. If you have a shortwave receiver, it will often cause voice signals on the 75-meter ham band to start to sound "watery" for a matter of hours before VHF starts to exhibit auroral activity.

Remember--keep that antenna pointed north at this time of the year. Auroral DX tends to peak around midnight and beyond, and can make for some interesting DXing. You won't soon forget the "wispy" sounding FM DX signals, sometimes two or three per channel, that can suddenly appear across the 88 to 108 MHz range during an auroral session. Good luck, and happy aurora hunting!

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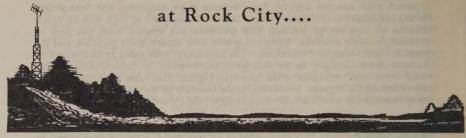
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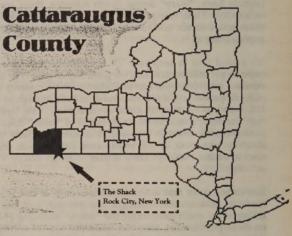
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